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Sussex Six to get their day in court

PROTEST Six environmental activists arrested in December 2007 for delivering lumps of coal to the prime minister's official residence will be in court on Friday.

The group is requesting that the criminal charges against them be dropped due to the 16-month delay in bringing their case to trial.

Dressed as Santa and five of his elves, the Sussex Six have been charged with obstructing police while delivering the coal to 24 Sussex Drive in protest of Stephen Harper's policies during United Nations climate change negotiations in Bali, Indonesia.

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U.S. President Barack Obama, right, smiles with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, top left, and Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner before the second group photograph at the G20 summit Thursday in London, England. Harper missed the first photo opportunity as he was reportedly indisposed in the bathroom. Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi didn't make the second shoot because he was on the phone. More, pgs 10, 12.

City set for Genie glow

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This weekend, Hollywood North will have nothing on Ottawa as the who's who of Canadian film comes to the capital.

The 29th annual Genie Awards are coming to Ottawa, where it will recognize the best in Canadian cinema at the Canada Aviation Museum Saturday night.

While celeb-watchers will certainly get an eyeful as the Genie Train arrives at the VIA station Friday afternoon, those less star-struck will benefit from this visit as well.

"Having the Genies in Ottawa is a wonderful opportunity for Ottawa to show off our Canadian landmarks — be it the Canadian War Museum, the Canada Aviation Museum or the Canadian Museum of Civilization — on both sides of the river," said NCC spokeswoman Marilyne Guèvremont.

"This is the first time the Genies are held in Ottawa and it's a wonderful time of year to have the Genies in the capital. This is the time of year that Canadians are planning their summer vacations," said Guèvremont, "and if they see Ottawa broadcast on Saturday, maybe they'll say, 'hey, let's come to the capital for summer vacation.'"

"We're excited to have the awards in Ottawa," said Sara Morton, CEO of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television, the organization responsible for the Genie Awards. Although the awards normally take place in Toronto, the awards will fit right in in the nation's capital, she said.

"The National Capital Region is a cultural centre as well as a centre of government," said Morton. And as a leading cultural event, it makes perfect sense for the Genies to be in Ottawa, she added.

If award shows in the past are any indication, the Genies will almost certainly generate a positive economic impact for Ottawa.

"We certainly hope it does," said Morton.

As for city residents, Ottawa has embraced the Genies. Genie Week was a huge success, with free screenings and events enjoying full-house crowds, Guèvremont said.

"There's a real thirst out there for Canadian cinema."

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Cullen confirms intention to run for mayor's seat

CITY It's not exactly an official announcement, but Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen has confirmed his intention to take a run at the mayor's seat in the next election.

Cullen was on his way to a meeting when a reporter casually asked him if he would run for mayor.

"I have been thinking about it for some time. I was intending on running for mayor," Cullen said. "There are still more pieces to be worked on between now and the election year, because running for mayor is not a simple task. There is lots of work to be done, but the fact is, I intend to be a candidate."

The question was likely prompted by Mayor Larry O'Brien's recent statement that he would be running for a second term.

"This comes as no surprise since Mr. Cullen has been eyeing the mayor's chair for over a decade, and it's also no big secret that he loves the attention," said O'Brien.

O'Brien said Cullen's timing is "way off at a time when the taxpayers of Ottawa expect us to focus on more important things" including transit and the Lansdowne redevelopment.

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Can you guess the murderer?
The Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa will host a murder mystery dinner "Murder on the O-Train" Friday in hopes of raising $8,000 for the club. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre in Britannia Park. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Carleton looking to finish strong

Carleton engineering students are hoping for a top finish with their formula-style race car at the Michigan International Speedway in May. A team of 23 students will unveil this year's car Friday at noon in the University Centre at Carleton. The car will be entered in the Society of Automotive Engineer's annual competition where it will be judged by industry experts and motor sport leaders on everything from design innovation to dynamic performance. METRO OTTAWA

Library dusts off old Genie footage

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The Genie Awards might be coming to Ottawa for the first time this weekend, but to Todd Van Dusen, an awards ceremony held more than 20 years earlier is just as important.

The Library and Archives Canada senior video conservator restored old Genie Awards footage Thursday, using — in some cases — the only machines of their kind in North America to restore images that had deteriorated over time.

"We've been given the tremendous responsibility to ensure moments in time can be seen again and again, experienced and learnt from in future generations," Van Dusen said.

The Library and Archives Canada preservation centre in Gatineau is where the magic happens. Glenn Gould lives there — or at least his works do. So do Oscar Peterson, Randy Bachman and Bryan Adams, as well as the Constitution of Canada and the India Treaties. The centre also houses the private book collection of General James Wolfe, "who travelled with his collection," said Pierre Gamache, Director General, Care of Collection for Library and Archives Canada.

But in addition to the famous names, the collection — a treasure of inestimable value spanning the entire history of Canada — includes more than 71,000 hours of film, 2.5 million architectural drawings, plans and maps, 270,000 hours of video and sound recordings, the largest collection of Canadian sheet music in the world and 343,000 works of art.

And this weekend — on the occasion of the Genie awards in town — members of the public and film industry will get a unique opportunity to tour the facility.

Facility

- The facility, which opened in 1997, is unique in North America in its scope of activity, said Gamache. It houses the collection, climate-controlled vaults, which slow the chemical deterioration of the films, as well as preservation laboratories.

Lansdowne in worse shape, report suggests

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CITY A city staff report stating that facilities at Lansdowne Park are much worse than previously believed should actually make the city's decision on the park easier, according to the area councillor.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet, who has been pushing to restart an international design competition for Lansdowne Park, insists the report should make a stadium optional for any planned redevelopment on the site.

"It's really taken the stadium out of the equation," he said. "Now we can actually get back to doing business the way we should be."

The report, to be released Monday, is expected to show that the north side stands and the Ottawa Civic Centre are in need of massive renovations in order to be brought up to acceptable standards.

A group of developers with deep pockets and roots in Ottawa have proposed to reshape Lansdowne with a hotel, aquarium, stadium, and commercial area. They are competing with a proposal from Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk, who wants to build a stadium for a Major League Soccer team in Kanata.

Mayor Larry O'Brien said it is premature to suggest the stadium should be torn down.

Missing man **Search and rescue**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Search and rescue teams from the Ottawa police and fire services combed the Jock River near Bren-Maur and Jockvale Road for the body of a man who went missing after his boat capsized around noon Thursday. The boat was carrying two male passengers in their early 20s when it hit a stretch of rapids. One man was rescued and taken to the hospital, where he is in critical condition. Paramedics were on standby, but were told to stand down around 2 p.m.

'New' market has vendor protesting

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BYWARD The summer vendor stalls are slowly starting to go up around the "new" ByWard Market.

By Mother's Day, a vibrant, thriving, outdoor market should be attracting thousands of people everyday to buy locally produced food and crafts.

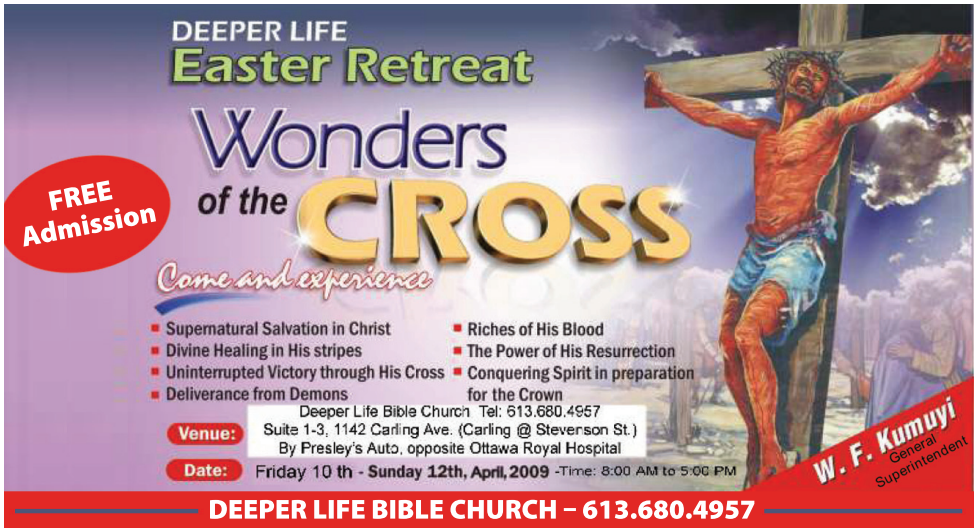
On Wednesday, a new bylaw came in to effect for the market that put an emphasis on higher-quality local goods.

While the majority of standholders in the area are looking forward to the new-look-market, some of the most veteran standholders are crying foul with how the bylaw has been enforced.

Berhe Hagos, who has been selling for 13 years, said he is only allowed to sell three items, while other vendors with similar stock are selling much more.

"It has to be fair," Hagos said. "As long as it is not fair, I am going to challenge them."

The city's markets manager Philip Powell said a jury of Ottawa artists judged the quality of the items for sale. "(It is) an objective independent process. It has been transparent," he said. "There was very clear direction from city council that it was to be local handmade products."



News in brief

CRASH A 50-year-old motorcyclist suffered serious head injuries after his motorcycle and a car crashed at the intersection of Bank Street and Kitchener Avenue Thursday. He was taken to hospital where he is in stable condition. Police are investigating.

ACCIDENT An Ottawa school bus driver has been charged in connection with a fatal collision late last month. On March 26, a school bus struck a pedestrian on Russell Road at Haig Drive. Richard Beaupre, 50, later succumbed to his injuries. The bus driver and three children were not injured. Police have charged Sharron Brazeau, 45, with failing to yield to pedestrian under the Highway Traffic Act.

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Cops make arrests in robberies

The Ottawa police service robbery section has charged three Ottawa residents in connection with unrelated robberies between February and March. Lual Lual, 19, Sheri Deschamps, 40, and James Schuiteboer, 26, will remain in custody until their scheduled court appearances this month. METRO OTTAWA

Identity theft growing concern

Social networking sites breeding ground for fraudsters: Cops

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As the use of social networking sites like Twitter, Facebook and MySpace rises, so does identity theft and online fraud, Ottawa police said.

People are putting their personal information — including their phone numbers and addresses — out there, which makes it easy for information to fall into the wrong hands, said Staff Sgt. Bill Sullivan.

Identity theft is a growing offence, said Sullivan, and the Internet makes it easy.

"With the Internet, you don't know who you're dealing with," he said. "Once you put information out there, how do you get it back? It never really leaves, so don't put it out there."

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The officer in charge of organized fraud with the Ottawa police, Sullivan is one of the presenters teaching city residents how to safeguard their identities at a public information session at city hall at 7 p.m. Monday.

The seminar, which is targeted at people of all ages, including teens, parents, and the elderly, will also cover Internet scams, viruses and the importance of securing wireless networks.

Wedding show not just for brides anymore

JESSICA PERREAULT
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Almost 2,000 brides-to-be are expected to flood Lansdowne Park this weekend for the Ottawa Wedding Show, but overall attendance will be closer to 6,000.

Showcasing a variety of products and services, the event attracts more than just those with weddings on their minds.

"This time around, we're going to really promote it as a party and event show as well," said Steve Caron, director of event marketing for Summit Consumer Shows Inc.

"What we're finding is that all the exhibitors at the show — limousine services, photographers, event planners … provide services to non-wedding events as well," he said.

The show, which is held in the spring and the fall, started in 2004 and has since doubled in size.

Visitors can expect to see everything from fashion shows, gown sales, and a large selection of exhibitors.

The Ottawa Wedding Show is held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ottawa Civic Centre exhibition hall at Lansdowne Park.

Ottawa still flying

TRAVEL We may be in the midst of a worldwide recession, but Ottawa is more insulated than other cities, spelling good news for the travel industry, a spokeswoman for Ottawa's Travel and Vacation Show said.

Held at Lansdowne Park's Aberdeen Pavilion, this weekend's show has more exhibitors than in past years, bucking the recession trend, Halina Player said. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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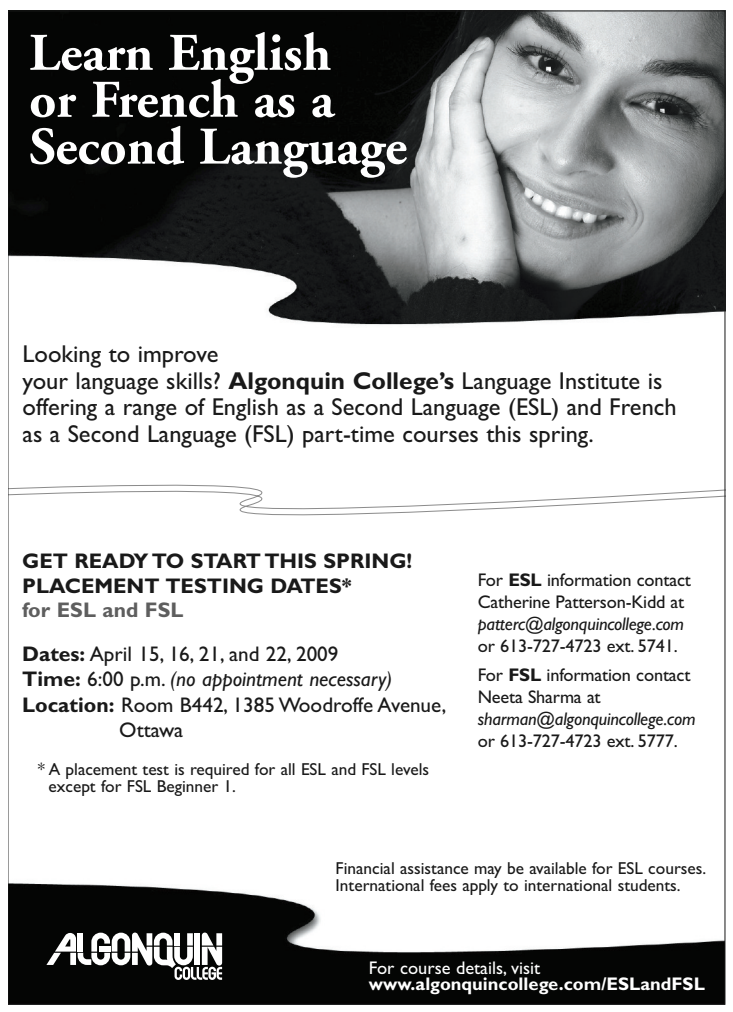

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Canada

Broadcaster tearful in court

A Toronto broadcaster cried in a St. John's, N.L., courtroom Thursday as she appeared on charges related to an air rage incident aboard an Air Canada flight. Colleen Walsh, 48, who most recently hosted the architecture and history show Structures on Rogers TV, was visibly upset as she appeared in provincial court on charges of endangering the safety of an aircraft, unlawful obstruction and using obscene language. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Worst is over: Harper

$40B planned for economy as G20 summit ends

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, sounding one of his cheeriest notes since the economic crisis began, said Thursday he believes the worst financial instability is over and that he expects to see more positive news in coming months.

The comments were notably upbeat, given that Harper has been warning for months that the economy would keep deteriorating amid rising joblessness and slumping production.

"The worst aspects of instability, I do believe, are behind us. Stability is different from recovery. We're seeing a significant degree of stability," he told reporters at the conclusion of this week's G20 summit in London.

"I'm optimistic that, as these measures kick in, as fiscal and economic measures kick in, we'll begin to see more positive news," he said.

The Canadian government plans to spend $40 billion over the next two years to kick-start the economy.

Gross domestic product data released Monday showed that Canada could well be heading for its worst quarter of economic contraction on record.

DYLAN MARTINEZ/REUTERS

Prime Minster Stephen Harper speaks at a news conference after the G20 summit at the ExCel centre, in east London.

Harper said the data had matched market expectations.

"What I continue to note is that with all of our difficulties, Canada nevertheless remains above many of the trend lines," he said, citing the country's sound banking system, strong government balance sheets and low debt levels.

"I don't want to say the downward slide has stopped but there are some positive signs in the news. I think most agree we're going to continue to see a few more months of slowdown," he said.

Harper said the summit had taken measures that should give comfort and confidence to markets. He also noted that the financial system is more stable than it was at the last summit of Group of 20 leading nations in November, when, he said, the world economy was in a dangerous free fall.

"It's a deeper recession than it was in November, but with a lot of stability," Harper said, adding that measures are beginning to bear fruit.

He did sound a cautious note on what he called little steps toward protectionism by some nations, saying erecting trade barriers to protect particular interests or industries would lead to the recession lasting longer.

He said Canada would endeavor to avoid the risks of protectionism as it works on bailouts in its auto industry." REUTERS

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'Deep concern' over proposed law: Officials

WOMEN'S RIGHTS Canadian officials called in Afghanistan's ambassador to express "deep concern" over a law that would make it illegal for Shiite women to refuse to have sex with their husbands.

Omar Samad, the Afghan ambassador in Ottawa, was summoned to the meeting Wednesday to hear Canadian fears that the law would "severely restrict the rights" of women.

"We have informed the Afghan government of the damaging effect that the law could have and we pointed out that across the country, Canadians are following the issue closely," the foreign affairs department said Thursday in a statement.

"Promoting and protecting human rights for all Afghans is a core element of Canada's engagement in Afghanistan. Afghans expect their government to promote and protect their human rights," it said.

As well, Canada's ambassador in Afghanistan, Ron Hoffman, has asked the country's government for clarification of the law and its implications.

Afghanistan's ambassador to Canada defended the progress made by women in his country after the meeting. He said the Afghan government is examining the law and will have no comment for now, and asked for patience from critics. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Backlash

- News of the law has sparked outcry on Parliament Hill and caused consternation among federal officials who have defended Canada's Afghan mission on the grounds that it will bring new freedoms to Afghan women. The proposed law would allegedly forbid Shiite women to leave their homes without permission of their husbands or gain custody of their children.

Al Jazeera seeks spot on Canadian airwaves

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Tony Burman, the Canadian who is managing director of the Al Jazeera Network, knows he's fighting history and stereotypes as he seeks regulatory approval to get the broadcaster's English service on Canadian airwaves.

Application

- The Qatar-based network has applied to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, using Ethnic Channels Group, a Toronto carrier, as its sponsor.

But Burman, a CBC veteran, is asking people to judge Al Jazeera's English network on its merits rather than the sometimes controversial record of its Arabic service.

"It's not a channel about the Middle East, solely. It's a channel about Africa, Asia, Latin America and it provides a perspective from the developing world that is unique," Burman said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Suncor hit with major fines

POLLUTION An Alberta court slapped Suncor Energy Inc. and a contractor it hired with more than $1 million in fines Thursday for environmental infractions at the company's northern Alberta oilsands operations.

Suncor, Canada's No. 2 oilsands producer, will pay $675,000 for failing to install pollution control equipment at its Firebag steam-driven oilsands operation near Fort McMurray, Alta., and then keeping that information from provincial environmental authorities.

The violation, which dates back to 2006 and 2007, resulted in hydrogen sulfide, which can be deadly in high enough concentrations, being released into the atmosphere, the Alberta environment ministry said. REUTERS

News in brief

LABOUR Ottawa should play a role in restructuring talks between AbitibiBowater and its lenders and help prevent the loss of up to 12,000 Canadian jobs, the company's main union said on Thursday. The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) accused the federal government of paying scant attention to the woes of the forestry sector, even though the sector employs about twice as many as Canada's auto sector. REUTERS

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Cops face attempted murder rap

Two Winnipeg police officers have been arrested and are facing charges after a man was shot during a robbery investigation in 2007. One of the officers will be charged today with attempted murder and fabricating evidence, Winnipeg police announced. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Woman exposed to Ebola ruled healthy

HEALTH Hours after a German scientist pricked her finger with a syringe just emptied of a deadly strain of the Ebola virus, Harvey Artsob was on the line from Winnipeg, preparing to send an experimental vaccine over the ocean.

It was sitting in the freezer at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg and had never once been tested on humans. But dozens of monkeys had been inoculated over five years of testing here and at a U.S. facility in Fort Detrick, Md., and researchers were confident it was ready for a human subject — even if it had not been approved by any of the official channels.

It could have been years before it was tested on a human, researcher Artsob said Thursday, as the unidentified woman's 21-day incubation period ended and she was declared healthy. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Toronto **Nannies triumphant**

DALE BRAZAO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nanny Kay Manuel, left, gives a heartfelt hug to Pura Velasco, head of the Caregiver Support Services, after hearing that the Ontario government plans to introduce legislation to protect all foreign caregivers working in the province. Manuel was charged $4,500 by an Ontario Labour recruiter who promised her a job looking after an eight-year-old boy in Toronto.

News in brief

LOSSES The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, one of Canada's largest investors, said Thursday it suffered an 18 per cent investment loss last year, with equity and other holdings slammed by the financial crisis. The organization, which serves 284,000 active and retired Ontario teachers, said the $19-billion investment loss meant it now has a funding shortfall of $2.5 billion. But it said this is because $19.5 billion in losses have been held back and will be recognized over the next four years in a "smoothing adjustment." **REUTERS**

No new tax exemptions: McGuinty

There can be no more exemptions from the new harmonized sales tax — not even audio books for the blind — because each change costs the Ontario treasury, says Premier Dalton McGuinty.

"There are probably hundreds if not thousands of opportunities for additional exemptions," he told reporters Thursday following a speech to the Toronto Board of Trade.

McGuinty conceded the tax, which blends the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent goods and services tax, is "not the politically safe thing to do."

"But the arrangement that we have with the federal government is that every additional exemption will cost the Ontario government treasury. So we'll have to take it (the shortfall) out of health care, out of education, out of supports for our most vulnerable," the premier said.

"That's the challenge we have, so we are not eager to move beyond the exemptions that we already have in place."

At least two organized email campaigns — one from realtors, the other from disabled people angered that audio books will be taxed — are imploring MPPs to pressure McGuinty into more exemptions. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Jury to deliberate in AIDS trial

A Hamilton, Ont., jury was to begin deliberations Thursday in the precedent-setting murder trial of a man accused of endangering the lives of 11 women by recklessly exposing them to the virus that causes AIDS. The first-degree murder charges make this case the first of its kind in Canada. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Humane society seizes dogs

Calls alleged puppy mill first-ever case in Edmonton

JEFF CUMMINGS
for Metro Canada

Close to three dozen pets that were found in small cages inside a master bedroom of a home were seized in what the Edmonton Humane Society is calling the city's first-ever commercial breeding mill case.

"This was one of the most horrible things I have ever seen in (any) home," said society spokeswoman Shawna Randolph, who became visibly emotional during a press conference at the shelter Thursday.

"It was heart-wrenching ... These animals were living in their own feces."

Staff first heard about the case when a citizen called about an imminent danger animals were facing in the home, said the society.

As soon as the investigation began Wednesday night, the owner surrendered the 42 small-breed dogs and 10 cats to the society and to peace officers, the society said.

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Two Poodle Toy Mixes in their new temporary home at the Edmonton Humane Society shelter. The animals were rescued with dozens of other animals from a "Puppy Mill" for-profit-breeding house discovered in Edmonton.

Charges are pending against the owner and that could take up to six months because of the lengthy investigation, the society said.

The society also released video footage capturing images of barking chihuahuas and other small-breed dogs. Some of the small cages appeared to have five small dogs in a cage and none of the cages appeared to have water.

Randolph said one-third of the staff at the society worked until midnight gathering the animals from the home and transported them to the shelter. Randolph would not disclose where the home was located in Edmonton.

"You can tell that some of (the animals) have been there for years," said Randolph.

"And people have to understand that puppy mills put profit above the welfare of dogs … in many cases, many animals are discarded."

Dr. Karen Lange, a director of veterinarian services with the society, say a majority of the animals that were found in the home were elderly and were used for breeding purposes.

"Some had really rotten mouths and some were in extreme need of dental care," said Lange. "Some of these dogs are going to have long-term issues. Some of them are not that social."

Randolph believes there are other puppy mills operating in Edmonton and neighbours need to be more vigilant in reporting cases to the society.

"If there is something that seems unusual, it doesn't hurt to call us," said Randolph.

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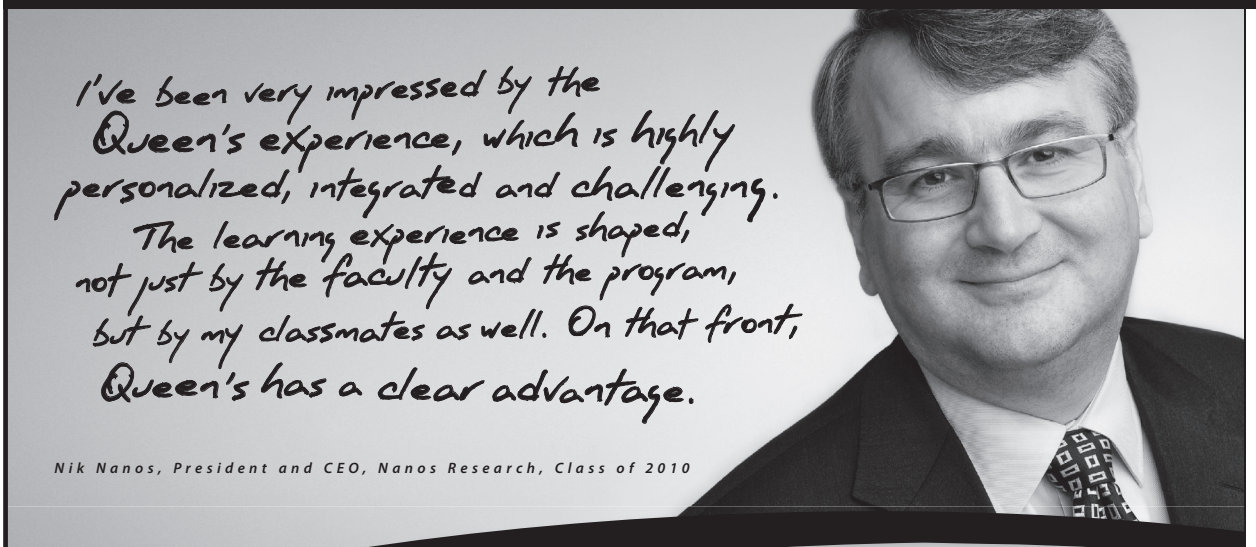

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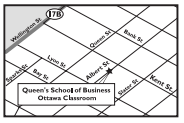

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Italian man allegedly decapitated wife for online chatting

A man charged with slicing off his wife's head with a boxcutter told police on the island of Sicily he was jealous because she spent so much time sending messages on the Internet, Italian media reported Thursday. He allegedly told police he was convinced that his wife was cheating on him with an Internet lover. REUTERS

World

Wife ditches Mr. Clean

A German woman has divorced her husband because she was fed up with him cleaning all the time. German media reported the wife got through 15 years of marriage putting up with the man's penchant for doing household chores, tidying up and rearranging the furniture. But she ran out of patience when he knocked down and rebuilt a wall at their home when it got dirty, a judge said Thursday. REUTERS

G20 seals $1.1 trillion in aid

Measures to boost world output by 4% by end of 2010

World leaders clinched a $1.1-trillion US deal on Thursday to combat the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and said financial rules would be tightened to stop it happening again.

U.S. President Barack Obama declared it a "turning point" for the world economy, even though he had won no promises for more government spending to combat a deepening world recession.

G20 leaders from the top developed and emerging economies ticked off a raft of actions on politically sensitive topics at the summit in London, such as new rules on bonuses and imposing oversight on large hedge funds and on credit-rating agencies.

Much of the $1.1 trillion available through the International Monetary Fund and other institutions is likely to go to struggling poorer countries, notably in eastern Europe.

The G20 said the measures taken would raise world output by four per cent by the end of next year. REUTERS

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U.S. President Barack Obama laughs with Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, centre, and Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev as they pose for a photo at the London G20 summit yesterday.

Reaction

Leaders on the measures

- British PM Gordon Brown: "This is the day that the world came together to fight back against the global recession, not with words but with a plan for global recovery and reform and with a clear timetable."
- Russian President Dmitry Medvedev: "The speed with which we are acting at least makes me think that many of the decisions we are taking will be pretty effective."
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel: "I think I can say that we have found a very good, almost historic compromise in a unique crisis."

N. Korea could launch missile April 4, U.S says

ARMS North Korea's missile preparations suggest Pyongyang could launch a satellite into space as early as Saturday, an American defence official said Thursday as the U.S. military monitored the situation.

At the United Nations, Japan's UN ambassador, Yukio Takasu, said his country would request an emergency meeting of the Security Council to discuss a possible response if North Korea launched the long-range missile in the coming days.

The United States and others have threatened North Korea with punishment if they launch the long-range missile.

Pyongyang has said it will send a satellite into orbit between April 4 and 8 but the United States, South Korea and Japan say the launch is a disguised test of the long-range Taepodong-2 missile, which is designed to carry a warhead to U.S. territory. REUTERS

News in brief

JOBS Applications for police jobs in Northern Ireland have surged since the killing of two British soldiers and a police officer by dissident nationalist groups last month.

PROTEST A few hundred protesters clashed with police in the French city of Strasbourg on Thursday on the eve of a NATO summit. REUTERS

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Russia says Georgia is plotting revenge

Moscow also warns U.S. against support of Tsibili

Russia accused Georgia on Thursday of planning revenge against pro-Moscow separatists and warned the United States against arms sales to Tbilisi.

Georgia's U.S.-trained armed forces were routed by Russian troops during a five-day war last August when Tbilisi tried to retake its rebel South Ossetia region by force.

Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili said on Monday the threat from Russia remained high and that Georgia needed stronger armed forces.

"Such comments by Mr. Saakashvili ... only prove the self-evident — Tbilisi has not learnt the lesson from last year's events in the Caucasus and probably cherishes plans of revenge," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko told a news briefing.

Russia has repeatedly accused the U.S. and Ukraine of supplying arms to Georgia.

"As for foreign assistance to Tbilisi to restore (Georgia's) military potential, it cannot be viewed otherwise than as encouragement of the aggressor," Nesteremko added.

"We expect that the United States, Ukraine and other nations considering themselves to be responsible international players will take this into account in their policy," he said.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and U.S. President Barack Obama held their first face-to-face meeting in London on Wednesday, agreeing to hit the restart button to thaw the two nuclear nations' chilly relations.

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Palestinian factions suspend discussions

CAIRO Rival Palestinian groups Hamas and Fatah on Thursday adjourned Egyptian-mediated reconciliation talks until later this month without reaching agreement, Palestinian officials said.

A Palestinian official confirmed the round of talks had ended inconclusively and would be resumed on April 26.

"There were new ideas addressed that will need more consultations within the institutions of each party," Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar told Reuters.

Differences remained over the political agenda for any unity government.

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Indonesia **Yoga and politics**

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Petra Odebrecht speaks at a yoga studio on Indonesia's resort island of Bali. She is the first German-born woman running for Indonesia's parliament. The country, Southeast Asia's biggest economy and largest democracy, holds parliamentary elections on April 9, followed by presidential elections on July 8.

News in brief

DISEASE Polio has spread out of Nigeria to re-infect six neighbouring countries that had eliminated the disease, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. The new Nigerian outbreaks set back a bid to wipe out the water-borne disease globally, the CDC said in its weekly report on death and disease.

PARIS At the International Oil Summit, OPEC said oil was not to blame for climate change and consuming countries should pay to fight the threat, while the CEO of Royal Dutch Shell said drivers could help by not buying Hummer sports utility vehicles. REUTERS

Many Congo civilians return home following rebellion

KINSHASA Some 300,000 people in eastern Congo have returned home due to a local rebellion dying out but at least 150,000 more have fled this year, mostly from Rwandan Hutu rebels, a United Nations aid agency said Thursday.

Democratic Republic of Congo allowed thousands of Rwandan soldiers into its violence-ravaged North Kivu province in January to take on the Rwandan Hutu rebel Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) based there.

The operation marked a major advance in relations between the two countries, former enemies during a 1998-2003 war, and was touted as a success by government authorities in both Kinshasa and Kigali when the Rwandan withdrew in late February.

The joint operations helped neutralize Congo's own North Kivu-based Tutsi rebels and the UN's humanitarian co-ordination agency, OCHA, said on Thursday that the resulting improvement in security had allowed the 300,000 internal refugees to return.

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Mexico catches senior drug baron

Mexican police have captured a leading drug baron from the border city of Ciudad Juarez, the country's most violent town in a turf war that killed 6,300 people last year. Vicente Carrillo Leyva was seized while exercising in a park in an upscale residential district of Mexico City. REUTERS

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Obama gets rave reviews for fashion

U.S. first lady impresses during trip to London

Michelle Obama has wowed fashion writers with her casual style, use of colour and her penchant for the sleeveless dress at the G20 summit in the British capital this week.

Newspapers in Britain and the U.S. were united in their praise for Obama's sartorial choices for outings with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's wife Sarah, an official reception with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace and dinner at Number 10 Downing Street.

The Telegraph newspaper even compared Brown unfavourably with Obama, saying the PM's wife "paled in comparison" to the U.S. first lady.

Obama has also calmed any American worries that her fondness for baring her biceps might be embarrassing when she met with the British queen in a sleeveless number disguised with an elegant black cardigan. The queen wore pink.

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Sarah Brown, wife of Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown, greets U.S first lady Michelle Obama, in London Thursday.

"Changing into an elegant black-and-white Isabel Toledo dress from springy J.Crew pieces Wednesday in London, first lady Michelle Obama showcased her versatility and officially became one of the fab four of the political fashion world in the modern era, joining Jacqueline Kennedy, French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy and Princess Diana," enthused the Chicago Tribune.

When visiting the official residence of the British prime minister, Obama revealed her sculpted biceps, which New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd praised for being the "only bracing symbol of American strength right now."

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U.S. House, Senate near passage of budget

WASHINGTON The Democratic-controlled U.S. Congress moved toward passing a federal budget on Thursday that embraces President Barack Obama's initiatives on health care, energy and education but leaves the U.S. deeply in debt for the foreseeable future.

The House and Senate were poised to approve slightly different, less expensive versions of Obama's $3.55 trillion budget plan for fiscal 2010, which begins on Oct. 1. REUTERS

News in brief

JERUSALEM Israeli police questioned the new foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, for more than seven hours on Thursday on suspicion of bribery and money laundering. Lieberman has called the probe a smear campaign.

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Washing away sin of creation

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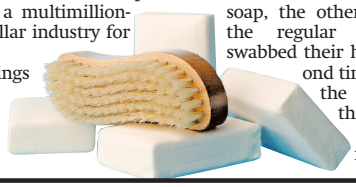
Ever noticed how there seems to be a product for everything — even stuff you didn't realize you needed? Five years ago, no one walked around with teeth so white they could glow in the dark. Today, "whitening toothpaste" is everywhere, along with "whitening strips," "laser bleaching" and numerous other products that promise to brighten those pearly not-so-whites.

And how about bottled water? The water's fine to drink out of almost every tap in Canada, but companies have convinced us we need to pay for it. That somehow their product is better than a resource that's actually free! Creating a need and then offering up a product to meet that need is a money-grabber that's been around since the dawn of time. So at Marketplace, we call that marketing tactic "The Sin of Creation."

And nowhere has this marketing technique been used more than with cleansers — dishwashing liquids, shampoos, body scrubs, detergents and plain ol' soap. Now, all those products have morphed into a multimillion-dollar industry for all things "antibacterial." Seems the old-fashioned cleansers — that are usually cheaper — are no longer good enough. But do you really need to spend money on new products that can cost more?



To find out, we put antibacterial soap to the test against plain old-fashioned soap. First, we tracked down some school children and swabbed their grimy hands. Then, half the kids washed with anti-bacterial soap, the other half with the regular soap. We swabbed their hands a second time and sent the samples to the lab. Our test found no benefit to using anti-bacterial soap. That's no surprise to Rolf Halden, an environmental scientist at Johns Hopkins University. According to Halden, "there is very limited benefit, according to scientific studies."

And not only that, many health agencies are warning against using anti-bacterial products, because they could lead to dangerous bacterial resistance. But you won't see that listed on any label.

So next time you feel the sudden urge to buy a "new and improved" product, reflect a moment before you reach into your wallet. Maybe you can avoid becoming a target of "The Sin of Creation."

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Views

Turning a cold shoulder to the homeless

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Steve Collins

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"He's in the hole $308.41, without any frills like a telephone or transit ... But unlike the provincial government issuing his pittance, this guy can't run a deficit."

The Alliance to End Homelessness this week issued its fifth annual report on the lot of the homeless in Ottawa. Here's the executive summary: They're still screwed, and it got worse last year.

The shelters are so crowded, with 7,045 people (1,179 of them children) jostling for beds, that workers report up to 100 people a night sleeping on the floors. Shelter use went up 13 per cent in 2008, and so did the average length of a stay, from 46 days to 51.

The chances of getting out of the streets and shelters and into affordable housing remain slim to zilch. The rental market in Ottawa has tightened considerably, with vacancies dropping from 2.3 per cent to 1.4 per cent, and rents rising 3.4 per cent.

The numbers, as crunched in the Alliance report, are unforgiving. A single male receives $592 from Ontario Works and related benefits. An average bachelor apartment costs $671. Add the cost of basic food, at $229.41, and he's in the hole $308.41, without any frills like a telephone or transit, which might make getting a job possible. But unlike the provincial government issuing his pittance, this guy can't run a deficit. Eviction beckons.

Ottawa did add 134 new units to its affordable housing stock last year. That's an improvement from 2007's total of 74, but well short of the city's target of 500 units a year. At this rate, the Alliance estimates, it would take 72 years to clear off the current waiting list of 9,692 people.

Federal funding has been frozen for 10 years, and official attitudes sometimes sub-zero. Mayor Larry O'Brien once infamously compared panhandlers to pigeons, suggesting they'll go away of you don't feed them. He later allowed that the analogy was "probably regrettable."

Also unimpressive was the National Capital Commission's decision last fall, on the advice of the Ottawa police and in consultation with not a single citizen, to remove trees in Confederation Park where the homeless were known to take shelter, and, yes, drugs. The NCC's problem with the homeless seemed to be that they weren't homeless enough.

And dismounting my own high horse, I should note that homeless people used to sleep in the stairwell of my apartment building. When it was dangerously cold out, we turned a blind eye, and when the weather warmed up, we'd start kicking them out. They were often drunk, sometimes belligerent, and on more than one occasion used the stairway as a latrine.

So we started locking the exterior door. Problem solved. Our problem, anyway. It still gets cold out there.

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Letters

Toronto transit good, but Ottawa's not bad

RE: Look to Toronto for transit system inspiration (March 30)

There are two other ways in which I think that public transit in Ottawa is superior to the transit system in Toronto.

The travel planner, for all its clunkiness, will tell me how to get from here to there. In Toronto, without a knowledge of local geography, I couldn't figure out the best route (or any route) to get where I was going.

Signage — I planned to take a bus to a rural community. I got there early, by taxi. There was a bus stop sign, but no indication of which bus, or even which bus company stopped there. While I was walking around, trying to confirm that I was in the right place, I missed the bus.

This gave me a new appreciation of OC Transpo signs, with the company, bus numbers, and phone number all clearly indicated.

JUDITH WOUK, OTTAWA

Buying a pet? Don't forget they're a lot of work

RE: Pet surrenders rising, says Humane Society (April 2)

The story about the two cats left in Jill Brown Park illustrates something that has been bothering me for a long time.

Buying a pet is a long-term commitment and people should realize that. Yes, looking after a pet can get expensive especially if there are health issues. You can usually lessen your costs by buying cheaper food, but when it comes to vet bills, you have to make a choice.

I was almost faced with a vet bill I couldn't afford, but I would have humanely put the pet down or found a new home for it, rather than abandon it.

H. OAKLEY, OTTAWA

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Disney buys Kaboose websites for $18.4 million
Disney boosted its ability to attract Internet-surfing parents of small children by purchasing the U.S. assets of Canadian company Kaboose, paying about $18.4 million for sites like Kaboose.com, Babyzone.com, Amazing Moms.com, Funschool.com, Zeeks.com and ParentZone.com. REUTERS

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Watchdog takes fizz out of Coke

ADVERTISING Claims Coke will not make children fat or rot their teeth have landed Coca-Cola in trouble with Australia's consumer watchdog, which Thursday ordered the soft drink company to correct its advertising.

Coca-Cola South Pacific last year ran advertising claiming Coke was "kiddy-safe." REUTERS

Global stocks surge

Investors see G20 moves reviving economies

Global stocks and oil surged Thursday on optimism over efforts by world leaders meeting in London to revive global growth.

Toronto's main stock index shot to its highest close in nearly three months. News out of the G20, which included a trillion-dollar deal to help combat the global financial crisis, sparked a surge in oil prices and opened the door for the resource-heavy TSX to record its third straight day of gains.

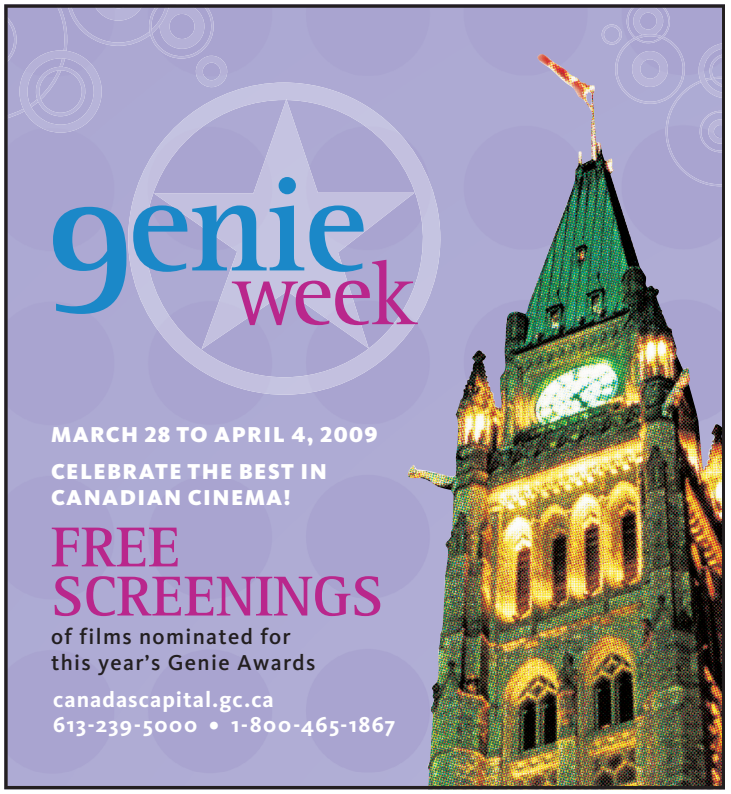
U.S stocks also rallied for a third day. The Dow is now on track for its best four-week rally since 1933.

The upbeat tone at the G20 summit boosted investors' risk appetite by raising hopes that a co-ordinated effort would reverse the shrinking of the global economy for the first time since World War Two. REUTERS

Moss Model store opening

LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS

Model Kate Moss poses with British retailer Sir Philip Green at the opening of the first Topshop and Topman clothing store in New York Thursday. Britain's trendy mass-market fashion retailer could eventually have about 15 stores in the United States, said its billionaire owner Green.



OECD targets tax havens

SUMMIT G20 leaders, seeking at a summit to toughen regulation of financial markets, agreed on Thursday that blacklists of tax havens should be published in the near future.

"There will be a white, grey and black list (of tax havens) referring to those who have signed up to OECD rules on information sharing, those who have signed up but not yet applied them and those who are in the clear," said a European diplomat.

Several financial centres including Switzerland said they will work towards meeting OECD standards on bank secrecy and tax fraud. REUTERS

Bombardier cuts more jobs as demand for jets plunges

AEROSPACE Bombardier Inc. reported a better-than-expected quarterly profit Thursday, but said it would cut another 3,000 jobs and scale back production of its business jets this year due to dwindling orders.

The job cuts will take place at facilities in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Northern Ireland by the end of 2009, it said.

The job losses are in addition to the 1,360 layoffs announced Feb. 5. Demand for business planes deteriorated rapidly in the last six months of 2008 and the company now expects to deliver 25 per cent fewer business planes this year.

Bombardier said net income rose 42 per cent to $309 million in the fourth quarter from $218 million a year earlier. REUTERS

In brief

AUTOS Chrysler Canada extended its production shutdown to a second Ontario plant Thursday as a parts shortage forced it to idle its Brampton car plant — just as it did at its minivan plant in Windsor Wednesday. REUTERS

Lucas undergoes cancer surgery
Portland Trail Blazers assistant coach Maurice Lucas has undergone surgery for bladder cancer.
The team said he had surgery on Tuesday and will be away six-to-eight weeks recovering. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"It's always been in the middle of the pack. Had I been with the Yankees or the Dodgers, I think it would have been No. 1."

Former Blue Jays slugger Joe Carter, on how his championship-winning home run in Game 6 of the 1993 World Series never appears atop U.S. lists of baseball moments. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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B's got their number

NHL RESULT

Senators 1 Bruins 2

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THE SKINNY: The Boston Bruins continued their domination of the Ottawa Senators this season, winning for the fifth time in as many attempts and seventh consecutive time dating back to last season.

THE WINNER: Orleans native Marc Savard scored early in the third period for Boston with a quick wrist shot from the slot that beat Sens goalie Alex Auld on his blocker side.

CLOSING IN: Boston is now only one victory away from clinching the Eastern Conference and securing home ice advantage in the playoffs.

SLUMP BUSTER? Daniel Alfredsson scored Ottawa's only goal of the game early in the opening frame. The Senators captain entered the match with just one assist in his last five contests.

THE NEXT GAME: After playing their last six games on the road, the Senators return to Scotiabank Place Saturday night for a contest against the Philadelphia Flyers.

BRIAN SNYDER/REUTERS

Nick Foligno tries to knock the puck away from Boston Bruins left wing Milan Lucic Thursday night.

Cutler gets wish, traded to Bears

NFL The Denver Broncos have traded disgruntled quarterback Jay Cutler to the Chicago Bears. ESPN said the Broncos would receive two first-round draft picks, including this year's eighth selection, a third-rounder and quarterback Kyle Orton for Cutler and a fifth-round draft pick this year. Cutler had asked for a trade last month after his relationship with new coach Josh McDaniels soured. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cutler

NHL Habs crush Islanders

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Mathieu Dandenault of the Canadiens looks for a rebound from Islanders goalie Yann Danis Thursday. Montreal won 5-1.

Jockey comes home from Hollywood

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada

Following a winter in which she held her own riding against the best jockeys in Southern California, while also participating in a reality series, Chantal Sutherland is coming home to Canada.

And her focus will be trying to win the riding title at the Woodbine meet and continuing the quest to win a Queen's Plate.

The 33-year-old Winnipeg native, who was voted Canada's top apprentice rider in 2001 and 2002, plans to ride full time this year at Woodbine in Toronto. She'll come home for the opening weekend of the meet, beginning Saturday and concluding in December.

Last year, she ranked third in the Woodbine jockey standings before leaving early to ride in California. She also participated in a new series called Jockeys, which explored the world of professional race riding.

"I want to be top three in the standings. I actually want to be top two," she said. "I'm going to work very, very hard.

She has a desire to win the Plate and follow in the footsteps of Emma-Jayne Wilson, who became the first woman to win Canada's most storied thoroughbred race two years ago.

"Emma is the queen. I want to be the queen," Sutherland said. "I would love to win that prestigious race because I'm Canadian and I'm proud of that."

As for the Jockeys series, which was shown on the Animal Planet network and broadcast in Canada on the Discovery Channel, it documented in part the relationship Sutherland has with fellow rider Mike Smith. The two have been dating for four years. The series just wrapped up filming for a second season and will be broadcast early next year.

COURTESY ANIMAL PLANET

Chantal Sutherland appeared in the documentary/reality series Jockeys on the Discovery Channel.

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Canada opens Gold Cup vs. Jamaica

Canada will open play at the Gold Cup soccer tournament July 3 against Jamaica in Los Angeles. The Canadian men will continue their Group A schedule with games against El Salvador on July 7 at Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, and Costa Rica on July 10 in Miami. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

NHL Tampa Bay Lightning centre Vincent Lecavalier will have right wrist surgery today, effectively ending his season.
Dr. A. Lee Osterman will perform the surgery at the Philadelphia Hand Center, having already repaired damaged cartilage in Lecavalier's left wrist during the summer of 2007. Lecavalier was originally slated to undergo right wrist surgery last summer, but a shoulder injury pushed back the procedure.

NHL Colorado Avalanche forward Ryan Smyth will miss the remainder of the season after suffering a fractured right hand Wednesday. Smyth is the team's leading scorer with 26 goals and 59 points this season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Carrying on the legacy

The Anvil's daughter ready for Wrestlemania 25

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada

Natalie Neidhart is looking forward to making wrestling history.

Neidhart, who is known in the World Wrestling Entertainment as Natalya, will participate Sunday in Houston in Wrestlemania 25 in a 25 Divas Battle Royal.

It's a dream come true for the 26-year-old Calgary native, who is the daughter of Jim (The Anvil) Neidhart, who with brother-in-law Bret (The Hitman) Hart wrestled as the high-profile tag-team duo The Hart Foundation in the mid-80s and early '90s.

At Wrestlemania 2, Neidhart and Hart wrestled individually in a Battle Royal and were the last ones eliminated by the winner, Andre The Giant.

Natalie is the only third generation diva in wrestling. She is also the only female wrestler from the Hart clan — considered the first family of wrestling — to actually compete in the ring. She learned to wrestle in the home of her maternal grandfather, the late Stu Hart, who raised eight sons, all of whom wrestled, and four daughters, all of whom married wrestlers. Two years ago, the WWE signed Natalie to a contract.

"This is a huge, huge honour for me to be a part of this, but it's actually history in the making itself, and being from Canada and representing my family and blazing my own trail, it's fascinating," she said in a telephone interview.

"I may sound like (I'm) tooting my own horn, but sometimes I can't even believe that I'm doing it myself. There's a lot of depth to it — the fact I work for the WWE and the fact I'm representing my family and that we have such a long, long history with World Wrestling Entertainment — and that I get to be a part of this amazing, amazing event in such a cool match with divas from the past and present, it's surreal. There's a lot of good that can come from it."

Natalie has started to embrace the colour pink as part of her look and persona, a throwback to the days of the Hart Foundation.

"I just felt pink was right for me," she said. "I was trying to do other colours, but it's like going back to my roots by going back to the pink and black. It suits me and it fits, and when you're the most comfortable in what you wear when you go into the ring, you feel at ease.

"I feel like a little part of me always wants to pay homage to my family. It may sound arrogant, but I believe my family was the best in the world and I feel like I'm carrying on a piece of their legacy and I think about that all the time.

"Every time I step foot in the ring, I think about my family, and to wear a bit of the pink I'm kind of nodding my head to them.

"For me it's a huge honour, but I feel like Natalya has her own shade of pink and I'm kind of ready to let it run wild."

Jays on the verge of rebuilding project?

Toronto Blue Jays
2009 **Preview**

The Toronto Blue Jays have produced three straight winning seasons for the first time in almost a decade.

Unfortunately for the Jays they just happen to play in the best division in all of baseball. Not only do they have to contend with the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, but now the once-perennial doormat Tampa Bay Rays have emerged as a powerhouse in the East.

After John Gibbons was fired last June, former skipper Cito Gaston, who guided the franchise to its two World Series titles in 1992-93, was brought in to change the dynamic of the clubhouse. It worked, as Gaston led the team to a 51-37 finish and their 86-76 overall mark was good enough for fourth place in the powerful AL East.

Roy Halladay continues to anchor a pitching staff that led the majors with a 3.94 earned run average. A big part of that staff is gone, though, as 18-game winner A.J. Burnett bolted for a big money contract from the Yankees.

Actually, this year after Halladay there is just not much there. However, his time could be coming to a close as well, as he has just two years remaining on a cheap contract.

With the team not expected to contend this season, now may be the time general manager J.P. Ricciardi pulls the trigger and starts to go in a different direction.

By all accounts young pitching is on the way. It is just not ready yet and the team is not sure it will be ready by the time Halladay is able to become a free agent.

Offensively, the team will again be led by outfielders Vernon Wells and Alex Rios, while the organization is hoping two of its top prospects — Travis Snider and Adam Lind — are ready to contribute on a full-time basis.

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Cito rips Clemens

• Toronto Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston responded thursday to a claim made in a new Jeff Pearlman book about Roger Clemens that says the one-time Jays pitcher orchestrated Gaston's firing from the Blue Jays in 1997.

"He's an a**hole himself, Gaston told the Toronto Star. "A complete a**hole."

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A child star is born

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According to Billy Ray Cyrus, there would be no Hannah Montana without Canada. While watching a theatre show in Toronto, Miley Cyrus leaned over to her father and said, "This is what I want to do." Years later, Hannah Montana: The Movie is born.

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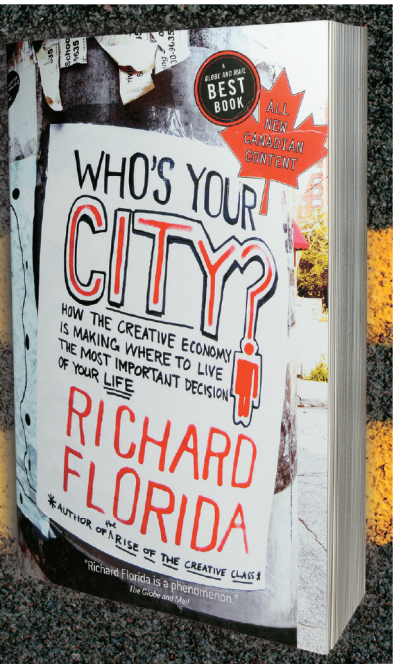

Miley compared to Judy Garland

Hannah Montana: The Movie director Peter Chelsom has compared Miley Cyrus to screen legend Judy Garland. The director claims he was "blown away" the first time he saw the teen superstar. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Hannah's Canada connection

Dad Billy Ray says Toronto stint fuelled Miley's showbiz dreams

Movie **feature**

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

According to Billy Ray Cyrus, there would be no Hannah Montana without Canada.

"That's the reason we're all here," said the musician-turned-actor about the mesmerizing success of his daughter Miley and her hit TV series-turned-movie, Hannah Montana — in theatres next Friday.

"If it weren't for our Toronto, Canada, roots, I don't think any of this would be going on right now."

Cyrus spent four years in Toronto shooting Doc, a television drama. It was where young Miley would get a feel for the film set and where she, during a production of Mamma Mia! at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, revealed her intentions to her bewildered dad.

Billy Ray Cyrus and Miley Cyrus play dad-daughter in Hannah Montana: The Movie.

"Midway through the show, I specifically remember Miley leaning over to me, (and saying), 'This is what I want to do,'" said Cyrus. "She started taking classes the next week."

Since then, Miley has become a huge star with hit albums, movies and even a bestselling memoir. The incredible success may be a baffling phenomenon to anyone out of adolescence, but it can surely be attributed to the popularity of Hannah Montana.

"One of the realisms about the film and the magic of Hannah Montana is that Miley is undeniably the one and only Miley — that's just who she is," said Cyrus, who also plays her proud papa in the show and movie.

"Part of what's going on with the phenomenon of Hannah Montana, and particularly this movie, is there's a realism that every kid can relate to."

The story of a quiet country girl who leads a double-life as a crowd-chased pop sensation, Hannah Montana also cuts dangerously close to the truth. Cyrus recalls even having to move houses early on when fans began showing up asking for Hannah Montana.

"There's a realism that every kid can relate to."
Billy Ray Cyrus on the Hanna Montana film

"It was a really crazy, crazy time period," admits Cyrus, before pointing out how reminiscent it was to his own skyrocket to stardom in the early '90s with the overnight hit, Achy Breaky Heart.

"That was an incredible run of momentum and I felt that same momentum coming with Hannah Montana; although at this stage of the game, it feels like this has been four years building.

"I think I'm going to be fortunate enough to get to do it twice."

Adventureland's got heart

Adventureland
Director: Greg Mottola
Stars: Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

On the web

• For an Adventureland trailer, and for screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

REVIEW If, like me, you had a crappy summer job in the 1980s, Adventureland will probably touch a place in your heart. Written and directed by Greg Mottola (Superbad), this comedy follows James (Jesse Eisenberg), an aspiring scholar who is forced into working away his vacation to earn his tuition.

Unable to land anything of prominence, he reluctantly takes a gig at Adventureland, a worn-out amusement park that specializes in fetid corn dogs, fixed games, the endless sound of Falco's Rock Me Amadeus and a bunch of summer slackers "doing the work of pathetic, lazy morons."

Among them is cute Em (Twilight's Kristen Stewart), the arcade girl that James tragically falls for — she's embroiled in a secret affair with the park's fix-it-guy (Ryan Reynolds), after all.

Although Adventureland is being pitched on Mottola's Superbad cred, this semi-autobiographical film is a much softer, more nostalgic love story set in the skids of Pennsylvania.

Sure, the script doesn't have the comedic gusto of his previous hit, but Mottola makes up for a more contemplative story by providing plenty of heart to characters clinging onto the final moments of immaturity.

Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart star in Adventureland.

Highlighted by clever, nuanced performances and a killer soundtrack that includes everyone from Crowded House to Hüsker Dü, Mottola captures — with the essence of hindsight — what it means to come of age in 1987.

And to think, he didn't even have to use a Milli Vanilli reference.

It's big, it's loud, it's Fast

Fast & **Furious**
Director: Justin Lin
Stars: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Fast & Furious opens up with an absolutely spectacular (and spectacularly dumb) bit of pre-credits action outrage featuring a failed oil tanker hijacking that climaxes with Vin Diesel gunning it into the side of a spiralling, flaming rig.

And that's really all you need to know about this sequel, the fourth in the long-running and popular franchise: It's big, it's loud, it fetishizes its hulking, turtle-faced star and is loaded with revving motors and sleek, sexy chrome.

Diesel reprises the role he essayed in the first instalment, 2001's The Fast and the Furious, of Dominick Torretto, the car-racing criminal warrior who lives by a samurai-esque code of the road.

Paul Walker, whose screen presence equates that of a blue-eyed plank of wood, also returns as the undercover FBI agent sworn to bring down the car-crushing criminals that freely maraud through the streets of L.A.

These two former antagonists are thrust together again to track down the Mexican drug lord responsible for the death of Torretto's girlfriend Letty (Michelle Rodriguez, also returning ... briefly).

Fast & Furious is a fun, straight-up, straight-faced genre flick that, most importantly, fully understands its audience.

Pitt, Inglourious Basterds up for Cannes
Brad Pitt is going to Cannes — and means to win. The star's Second World War action film, the intentionally misspelled Inglourious Basterds, has been invited to the Cannes Film Festival from May 13-24, along with the film's director, Variety reports. **PEOPLE.COM**

Movies

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Rogen courts danger

Movie **profile**

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Having spent the last few years cultivating a lucrative career playing the loveable stoner, Seth Rogen tries for something a bit different in his latest film, Observe and Report.

Seth Rogen plays a mall security guard in Observe and Report.

Rogen plays Ronnie Barnhardt, a loose-cannon, bipolar security guard obsessed with protecting his mall patrons and, by extension, society as a whole. Ronnie launches a crusade to bring a serial flasher to justice that puts him at odds with a local police detective, played by Ray Liotta.

But while Ronnie takes his pursuit of justice almost too seriously, Rogen didn't approach the film as a drama.

"In my head it was all very funny," he says. "The more serious and crazy it was, the funnier I thought it was after the take."

But he did pack on the pounds to prepare for the part. "It seemed like it would be funny, the bigger Ronnie was, the less physically capable he looked. Because the joke is, he actually is pretty dangerous," said Rogen, who has since slimmed down in preparation for next year's The Green Hornet.

In a short time, the comic actor has built a reputation for being able to move between mainstream, family-friendly films and more adult material. Rogen most recently hit theatres as part of the voice cast for Monsters vs. Aliens, a far cry from Observe and Report.

"I'm very thankful that people are allowing me to do this," Rogen says. "I'm kind of shocked that I've gotten away with it, that I can do a movie that has been described as transgressive and another that's a delightful family romp."

Transgressive is one way to put it. Observe and Report lays on intense amounts of violence and profanity for a comedy.

"There was a conscious decision to make this film kind of dangerous and edgy," explains writer/director Jody Hill. "There've been a lot of 'safe' comedies, where everything's a wink to the camera. I thought if you could root it in reality and then still have these crazy things go on, that it would have more impact."

Of course, the filmmaker has had to contend with the success of that other movie about a mall security guard, Paul Blart: Mall Cop, which debuted in January.

"I didn't know about it until right before production," says Hill.

But as far as Hill is concerned, the similarities end at the main characters' shared profession. "Rather than a broad comedy, we wanted to make a sort of character piece that you would see in the '70s," Hill says. "We were focusing more on movies like Taxi Driver and The King of Comedy."

Dream stylish thriller

Cassandra's Dream
Director: Woody Allen
Stars: Ewan McGregor, Colin Farrell
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Woody Allen's Cassandra's Dream finally opens in Ottawa almost 20 months after screening at the Toronto Film Festival. The delay and critical indifference that it has received worldwide unfairly suggests that the film is one of Allen's numerous minor and forgettable works.

While Cassandra's Dream is certainly not one of the director's greatest movies, it is still an intelligent and stylish morality thriller that would have probably been more respected with another filmmaker's name in the credits.

Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell star as a pair of brothers perpetually in debt (McGregor for his extravagant lifestyle and Farrell for his gambling). The brothers eventually turn to their rich uncle (Tom Wilkinson) for help and he agrees, but only if they are willing to murder a co-worker.

The act permanently scars McGregor and Farrell, leading to an inevitably tragic finale. Much like Allen's Match Point, the film feels like product of a different time, playing like a vintage film noir.

No one could have predicted that a lifelong New York comedian would reinvent himself as a purveyor of dark London-based thrillers with an underlying commentary on the British class structure, but Allen has managed to squeeze two impressive movies out of the subject matter.

In fact, the only real problem with Cassandra's Dream is its incredible similarity to Match Point. There's no denying that Allen is repeating himself here, but the results are still impressive.

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Keira sends outs anti-violence message

Two months after news broke of the alleged violence between Rihanna and Chris Brown, a PSA about domestic violence starring Keira Knightley is set to debut in theatres. The two-minute clip, depicts Knightley being violently beaten by a man. **PEOPLE.COM**

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Actors mop it up

Sunshine Cleaning

Director: Christine Jeffs
Stars: Amy Adams, Emily Blunt
Classification: STC
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In Sunshine Cleaning, Amy Adams and Emily Blunt star as two sisters ringing in an early mid-life crisis by starting up a lucrative business cleaning up gruesome crime-scenes.

It may sound more like a grim new HBO series, but instead this comic-drama takes a light and charming look at a broken family just trying to make ends meet.

While single mom Rose (Adams) deals with an extramarital affair and a son who has an odd fetish for licking everything from aquariums to his teacher's leg, Norah (Blunt) is a mope who can't seem to get over her mother's death. To top it off, their dad (Alan Arkin basically reprising his Little Miss Sunshine role) is constantly engaging in zany business ventures.

For Adams, this may be as subversive as we've seen the actress. Considering her past roles (like the naïve nun from Doubt or a ditzy fairytale princess in Enchanted), that's not really saying much however. Still, she proves herself with a powerfully nuanced, and empathetic performance.

Besides, acting is where Sunshine Cleaning really exceeds. Written by first-timer Megan Holley (the film got discovered in a 2003 screenwriting contest), Cleaning may suffer from a standard script that thinks it's smarter than it is, but the bleaker context and superior cast definitely helps mop up the spill.

Amy Adams, left, and Emily Blunt star in Sunshine Cleaning.

Film explores ethics of celebrity adoption

The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins

Director: Pietra Brettkelly
Stars: Vanessa Beecroft, Greg Durkin, Jeffrey Deitch
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Vanessa Beecroft

REVIEW Director Pietra Brettkelly's documentary The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins offers both a complex portrait of the mind of an artist and a refreshingly morally complex view of the recent celebrity fad of adopting children from the developing world.

Brettkelly's cameras followed artist Vanessa Beecroft over 16 months during a life-changing trip to the Sudan. Initially the filmmakers hoped to capture Beecroft during an artistic breakthrough as she abandoned her patented live nude tableaus in favour of a more political exhibition about the Sudan. But upon arrival, Beecroft discovered two orphaned children who she immediately incorporated into her project and decided to adopt. From there the movie becomes an intense investigation of what drives Beecroft as an artist as well as a study of whether or not it is morally right for a celebrity from North America to adopt such children with very little understanding of their world or culture.

The necessary dissenting voice in Vanessa Beecroft's desire to adopt comes in the form of her husband Greg Durkin, who was not aware of the adoption until Beecroft had already begun the paperwork.

Durkin causes Beecroft to question her cause and his inclusion in the film also gives the audience a peak at Vanessa's strained home life.

Martin to perfom on Ole Opry

DEBUT Comedian Steve Martin next month will make his debut on a new type of stage for the well-known television and movie star, plucking his banjo at country music's Grand Ole Opry.

Martin, a veteran of TV shows like Saturday Night Live and many hit films, has long been a banjo player. But only last month Martin released his first music CD, a bluegrass album called The Crow: New Songs for the Five-String Banjo, which he will perform at country music's premiere venue. **REUTERS**

Full metal lineup
Paramount Pictures has released a full list of the participating Autobots and Decepticons in Michael Bay's upcoming sequel, Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen. The lineup includes Optimus Prime, weapons specialist Ironhid and medic Ratchet. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Reel Time

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It's Not Me stunning

It's Not Me, **I Swear**

Director: Philippe Falardeau
Stars: Antoine L'Ecuyer, Suzanne Clement
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Antoine L'Ecuyer plays a troubled 10-year-old in It's Not Me, I Swear.

It's Not Me, I Swear is not only one of the best Canadian films of the year, it's also one of the most honest and refreshingly unsentimental views of childhood to appear onscreen in quite a while.

Working from a novel by Bruno Hebert, director Philippe Falardeau has crafted a deadpan comedy about childhood depression that will ring uncomfortably true for many viewers and should entertain just about anyone.

Frequently critics feel the need to judge Canadian films on a sliding scale and with kid gloves, making concessions for anything that's watchable to encourage the national film industry. Fortunately, there's no need for overzealous praise here. It's Not Me, I Swear is an excellent film regardless of the country of origin.

Antoine L'Ecuyer stars as Leon, a troubled 10-year-old boy whose mother encourages him to egg his irritating neighbour's house and drops parental lessons, like: "It's bad to lie, but worse to lie badly."

Leon's fragile world falls apart when his mother suddenly moves to Greece to become an artist, leaving Leon on his own for a summer of petty theft, vandalism, attempted suicide, love, and yes, even lessons learned. Falardeau's observations about childhood might not be groundbreaking, but they are presented in such a lively cinematic style and laced with such vicious black comedy that what's old feels new.

The performances from the entire cast are strong (as is necessary in such a delicate character driven story), but special notice must be given to the brilliant young actors Antoine L'Ecuyer (Leon) and Catherine Fauchер (Leon's only friend).

The child performers have the difficult task of playing depressed children who are mature beyond their age. Were adults to give the same performances they would be stunning, to see them come from such young actors is extraordinary.

It's Not Me, I Swear is a quite special little movie that will hopefully get some deserved recognition in this country and elsewhere.

Pool's universal journey

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

FEATURE As both the Italian Neorealist and French New Wave movements proved, there is a great pleasure in simply observing people intimately interacting within their natural environments.

And like the landmark early films in those respective subgenres — stuff like The Bicycle Thief and The 400 Blows — the critically celebrated Goa-set film The Pool — opening next week — embraces stripped down aesthetics and a meandering tone in a deceptively simple tale of class struggle.

But although the movie examines life on the often-mean streets of the beautiful but impoverished city of Panjim, India, it might come as a surprise that the creative force behind this elegant drama is in fact an American. Chris Smith is a documentary filmmaker whose most noted effort is the quirky and subversive portrait of ineptitude, American Movie and The Pool is his first stab at narrative feature filmmaking.

"In 2003 I was in Panjim helping a friend shoot a movie," recalls Smith, "and was so taken by the people that I decided to set The Pool there and adapt it to that culture. I tried to make the film connect on an emotional level which, having never done a film like this, was challenging and a radical departure."

Loosely based on the Iowa-set short story by Randy Russell, The Pool tells the moving and instantly absorbing tale of Venkatesh (Venkatesh Chaven) a working class Indian boy who becomes obsessed with a wealthy family's luxurious swimming pool and vows to do whatever it takes to swim in it.

Stunningly photographed by Smith and utilizing a cast of mostly non-actors, The Pool is ultimately about the universal journey that all of us are on.

Core helming Murder, Inc.

Ericson Core has signed on to direct the revenge thriller, Murder, Inc. The Movie Murder, Inc. revolves around two brothers — one an FBI agent, one a jailbird — whose parents were brutally murdered when they were young. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

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Film fanboys: The saga continues

I first became aware of fanboys when the hoopla surrounding the release of the original Star Wars hit the six o'clock news. The idea of fandom wasn't new to me but the level of obsession was.

I saw footage of people lined up outside theatres; camping in tents to be the first ones through the doors on opening day and it seemed like every fan with an old toilet roll or two had make a light saber a replica of Darth Vader's helmet.

Those Star Wars supporters opened my eyes to the level of radical fanboy behaviour later described as "mindless paroxysms of adoration" in the pages of Fandom Confidential.

Although the term "fanboy" wasn't officially recognized by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary until last year, a group of fanboys (and girls) have wielded considerable power in Hollywood for the past decade.

King Fanboy, Harry Knowles of the Ain't It Cool website, went from obscurity to Entertainment Weekly's "101 Most Powerful People in Hollywood" list and fanboy opinion on the Internet actually brought about changes to the script of Snakes on a Plane. With that kind of power, it isn't surprising that these film fans have become film subjects.

Fanboys, a new movie about four childhood friends who break into George Lucas's ranch to get a first look at The Phantom Menace, is just the tip of the iceberg.

Fanboy opinion on the Internet brought about changes to the script of Snakes on a Plane.

The most famous fanboy movie is 1999's Trekkies, a documentary focusing on Star Trek subculture. Narrated by Denise (Tasha Yar) Crosby, it introduces us to extreme enthusiasts like the dentist whose Star Base Dental office is modeled after a starship and Barbara Adams who showed up to serve on the Whitewater jury dressed in a Starfleet uniform.

"I am an officer in the Federation universe 24 hours a day," she says.

On a different note is We Are Wizards, an upbeat exploration into the cult of Harry Potter, specifically the genre of wizard rock tribute bands who play Potter-inspired power pop. Bands Harry and the Potters and The Hungarian Horntails bang out songs like Wizard Rock Heart Throb and I'm a Dragon and I Don't Care, and while the music is often more passionate than good, the film offers up an interesting glimpse into a little known subculture.

There are many other crazed fan movies — The Dungeon Masters profiles Dungeons and Dragons fanatics; there's the self-explanatory The Achievers: The Story Of The Lebowski Fans and Cinemania about a community of fervent film aficionados — but the one thing they all have in common is the passion of fans who have found a way to most enjoy being a fan and become involved with the object of their obsession.

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Wolverine leaked out

FILM X-Men Origins: Wolverine made an unauthorized debut online Tuesday, even though the film isn't set for U.S. release until May 1.

Web sites described the illegal download as a nearly complete, high-quality copy, but 20th Century Fox, the studio behind the film, said Wednesday that it included temporary sound and music and was missing effects and some scenes, with other scenes unedited.

The studio issued a statement saying, "We immediately contacted the appropriate authorities and had it removed," though once a film begins circulating online, it can be difficult to stamp it out.

Because of forensic marks, the studio said it would be able to determine the source of the leak, though it did not immediately disclose it, saying: "The FBI and the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) also are actively investigating this crime. We are encouraged by the support of fansites condemning this illegal posting."

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C'est pas moi, je le jure! (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9:10 Sun 6:25 Mon 4:15 Tue 6:50 Wed 9:15
Cinema Paradiso (STC) Mon 8:50 Tue 4:15
Entre les murs (PG) Wed 6:35 Thu 4:15
I've Loved You So Long (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 4:30 Sat 2:15
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The Reader (14A) Fri 9:20 Tue 9:30
The Return of the Living Dead (STC) Fri 11:55

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1. Quiet Nights, Diana Krall, left; **3.** Live In London, Leonard Cohen; **3.** No Line On The Horizon, U2; **4.** Twilight Soundtrack; **5.** Bare Bones, Madeleine Peyroux; . METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Taking a gamble on Glasvegas

Scottish act's understated rock prompts bidding war

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

The music industry is horribly whitewashed. It's difficult to tell genuine bands from those created for profit. Yet there are still acts that come together via sincerity and innocence such as Scottish alternative rockers Glasvegas.

Formed in 2003, the quartet of vocalist/guitarist James Allan, guitarist Rab Allan, bassist Paul Donoghue and drummer Caroline McKay is as natural as the day is long.

"We didn't know what we were doing," chuckles Rab Allan about the band's early years. "Me and James learned to play guitar at the same time so we used to just sit and play Oasis covers. We probably don't sound anything like them at this point, but they were the common ground for us. I went to school with Paul and knew he could play the bass. Caroline had never played the drums but we knew she'd be up for it so we gave it a shot."

It sounds anti-climactic, but with many bands crafted behind-the-scenes and molded into media-savvy mannequins, such humble beginnings are an anomaly. That's why chatting with Allan is both enjoyable and difficult. He's untainted; disarmingly amicable yet blunt and his thick Glasgow accent renders him almost unintelligible to Canuck ears. At times, he might as well be speaking Greek.

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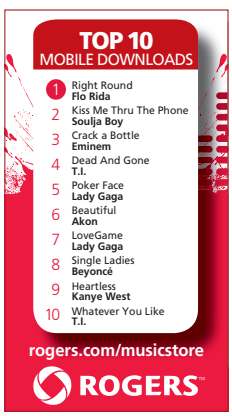
Regardless, Allan's music does the real talking. Glasvegas' serene, understated rock is catching on. Their first two singles Go Square Go! and Daddy's Gone sparked massive interest and a bidding war between record labels.

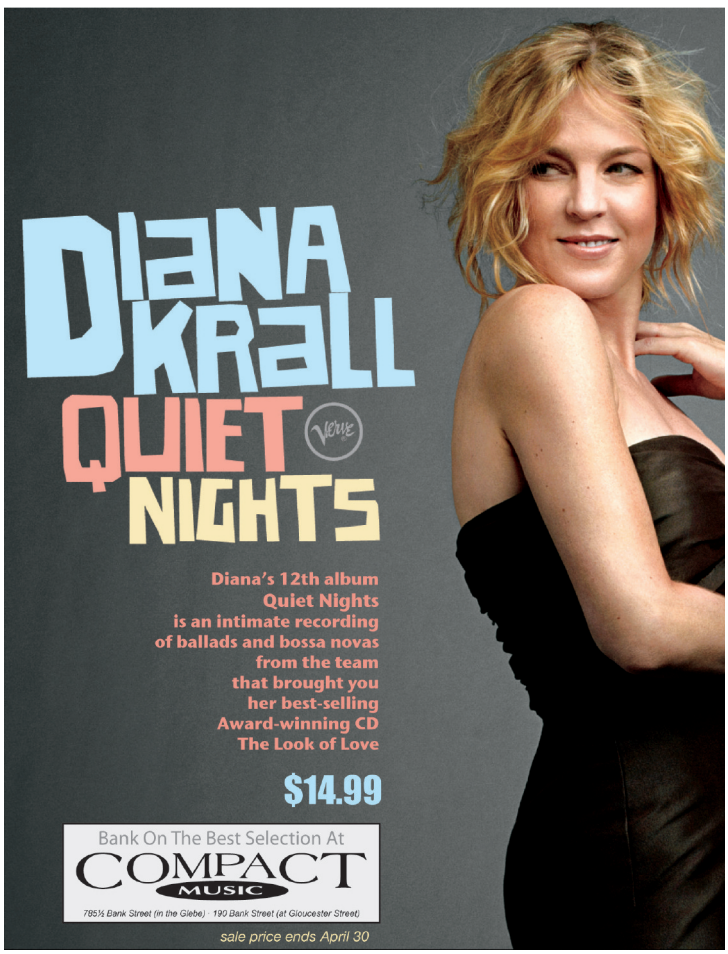
Taking the prize, Columbia Records immediately released the band's eponymous debut in September of last year, followed up by holiday-themed EP A Snowflake Fell (And It Felt Like a Kiss) which, incidentally, was recorded in the eerie confines of a Transylvanian church.

"I'm grateful we got to do that," Allan beams. "There was no real point behind it other than the acoustics and general oddity of it. We didn't have much time and it was chaotic. We went in there and got everything done from recording to mixing in eight days. But it's an experience you rarely get and will never forget."

Rightfully, neither have any of Glasvegas' fans. A Snowflake Fell (And It Felt Like A Kiss) maintains the powerful, unique thrust the band establishes on their debut yet expands it; points a finger towards loftier goals for the sophomore full-length they are currently working on. And while it won't hit store shelves for many months, Allan is still enthusiastic for its release.

"We're halfway through the demos. People keep asking about the pressure of a second album but we're really not that worried about it. I think they care more than we do. It'll be a bit of a change in direction but you have to try new things. That's how bands grow ... maybe become legendary."





Canada's best singles

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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In 2007, Bob Mersereau, a music writer from the Maritimes, tore the music geek blogosphere asunder as he compiled a book called The Top 100 Canadian Albums.

It was an interesting exercise in cultural nation-building, the result of input from hundreds of people across the country as he tried to come up with the definitive list. Maybe you remember the accusations of regional, gender and era bias. At least it got us talking about Canadian music.

Mersereau is now looking for the top 100 Canadian singles of all time and he asked that I submit a top ten list as part of the process.

Honestly, though, I'd procrastinated because frankly, I didn't know where to start. Complicating matters is that I'm from the world of album rock radio where the notion of "singles" didn't have any real meaning for years. And to screw things up further, I've long been part of the alt-rock scene, immersed in some of the most obscure and/or left-wing stuff this country has ever produced. But I had to submit something. Here's what I sent:.

1. At the Hundredth Meridian, Tragically Hip
2. High School Confidential, Rough Trade
3. One More Astronaut, I Mother Earth
4. Screaming Fist, The Viletones
5. Spirit of Radio, Rush
6. American Woman, Guess Who
7. Born to Be Wild, Steppenwolf
8. The Lines You Amend, Sloan
9. Echo Beach, Martha and the Muffins
10. Old Man, Neil Young

The Tragically Hip's Gord Downie.

From the moment I hit the "send" button, I had regrets. Why did I pick Sloan's The Lines You Amend when I really meant Underwhelmed? What about Jane Siberry's Mimi on the Beach?

How could I have not included Sarah McLachlan, Skinny Puppy, the Barenaked Ladies, Propagandhi, Teenage Head, the Forgotten Rebels or Max Webster? What about Kim Mitchell and Go for a Soda?

Then there's Chalk Circle, BTO, Gordon Lightfoot! Baby Ran from 54-40! April Wine's not here. There's nothing from The Band on this list! Hallelujah from Leonard Cohen is missing! Is my genre bias showing by not including any hip hop? How could I leave out Life is a Highway or Big League from Tom Cochrane? And why At the Hundredth Meridian and not New Orleans is Sinking? Recall! Recall!

I hate this. I got it all wrong. I quit. If you can do better, Mersereau says to send your list directly to him at mersereaubob@gmail.com.

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Billboard's top albums
1. NOW 30, Various Artists; **2.** Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack; **3.** Twilight Soundtrack; **4.** In a Perfect World..., Keri Hilson; **5.** All I Ever Wanted, Kelly Clarkson. **REUTERS**

Music

Thunderheist hits the road

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

One can't help but feel like Thunderheist's music appearing in last year's critically acclaimed movie The Wrestler was destined to happen.

After all, the Toronto-based electro-rap duo's producer Grahm Zilla is the son of Olympic wrestler Gord Bertie.

"I was actually conceived in the Olympic village," Grahm reveals, shortly before Thunderheist's Exclaim Canadian Tour, which takes them across the country between April 2nd and May 2nd.

That piece of family trivia probably added further resonance to the moment he heard Jerk It, his group's biggest single, bumping in glorious Dolby digital sound during The Wrestler's credits.

At first Grahm wasn't interested in the film, writing it off as "just some B-movie" when he heard Mickey Rourke was involved.

"It premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, and I was there at the time. But I didn't go see the movie," he says. "I don't know what's wrong with me.

Thunderheist's self-titled debut includes the single Jerk It, which was featured in the Mickey Rourke film The Wrestler.

"But when everybody started talking about it and I heard there was all this Oscar buzz, then I got excited. But actually seeing the movie, about half-an-hour in I was shaking, like 'Oh my god, I can't believe my song is in this movie.'

"That was probably the highlight of my musical career to date," he says.

Another highlight, then, must be when celebrity blogger Perez Hilton posted Jerk It on his website in 2007.

"Our Myspace got like 30,000 hits in a couple hours," says Grahm. "I only realized the magnitude of his readership when I'm getting emails about it from my great-aunt."

From there, Jerk It spread wildfire-like through the internet, prompting a number of new fans to produce videos for the track. Seeing multiple versions of the track on YouTube was yet another surreal moment for Grahm and Thunderheist's MC, Isis.

"I can't believe it's at that point where random people are making videos for our songs," he says.

Thunderheist's sweaty, high-energy, bass-heavy sound has evolved quite a bit since their blogospheric breakthrough.

On their self-titled debut, Grahm has further refined his production style by "trying to make it sound less mechanical and letting the music breathe more and have a more natural feel."

As for Isis, while Jerk It found her rapping in a sultry double-time flow, the MC sings on much of the album.

"Her tastes are pretty diverse so she wants to get out of the rap box," says Grahm, "and it's good because for me, I'm way more interested in writing songs than making hip-hop instrumentals."

Just don't expect to hear any of the vocal effect du jour, the robotic auto-tune sound favoured by T-Pain, Lil' Wayne and Kanye West, on any of the tracks.

"After the album was done, somebody was like, 'Oh man, you should have put auto-tune on all the songs,'" says Grahm. "I was like, 'Are you out of your mind?'"

On tour

- Thunderheist plays the Babylon April 10th as part of the Exclaim! Anniversary Tour; details at exclaim.ca

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King, Peas booked for Montreuxll

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Music

Metallica readies for rock hall

It seems that Metallica will be a two-bassist band at Saturday's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cleveland.

A day after former bassist Jason Newsted told Billboard.com that his replacement, Robert Trujillo, would not take part in the performance part of the induction, a spokesman for the group's Warner Bros. label clarified that "Jason and Robert will both be playing Metallica's induction songs." He did not indicate what the songs would be or if Newsted and Trujillo would be on stage together or separately.

Metallica is flying in from Paris, where the group played last night with plans to rehearse with Newsted at sound check today.

Earlier this week, Newsted — who was Metallica's bassist from 1986-2001 — said that when Lars Ulrich called to invite him to play at the ceremony, the drummer told him that "Robert's not gonna play at all ... He wants to be there as a fan, too, and wants to see the 'black' album (1991's Metallica) band." Newsted added that he never expected to play in the first place and was "totally on board" with the idea of the current version of Metallica performing without him.

"I felt strongly they should go as that band and represent because ... they're strong right now together," Newsted said. "There was no negativity, no hubbub or jealousy or silly, childish ... It was years ago, man. We're just gonna have a ... great celebration."

Metallica's fellow inductees on Saturday include Run-DMC, Jeff Beck, Little Anthony & the Imperials and Bobby Womack in this year's Hall of Fame class. Wanda Jackson is being inducted as an Early Influence, while Sidemen inductees include Bill Black, DJ Fontana and Spooner Oldham. REUTERS

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ER ends, or does it?

Just as ER ends its run, one of its alumni has booked a meaty new gig. Mekhi Phifer, who for six seasons walked the halls of County General as Dr. Gregory Pratt, has booked a multiple-episode appointment on Fox's Lie to Me. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Genies touch down

Canadian celebrities strut through Ottawa this Saturday

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The stars will be out in Ottawa this Saturday, but audiences from all over Canada can tune in when the best in Canadian film is celebrated at the Canada Aviation Museum.

Several hundred thousand people are expected to tune into the 29th annual Genie Awards, not only to see who walked away with the hardware, but to check out the some of Canada's most recognizable celebrities who are acting as the host and presenters, said Sara Morton, CEO of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.

"It's been a tremendous year," said Morton. "The slate of films nominated are quite diverse."

Although there's "no question that Canadian films face a challenge in terms of getting sufficient screen time," Morton said Canadian film is becoming increasingly well received.

"They reflect a Canadian sensibility and a Canadian sense of humour, and they can be moving, thought provoking and extremely entertaining," she said.

The day before the awards, celebrities and industry representatives will be arriving in Ottawa by VIA rail from Montreal and Toronto, said Morton.

What at-home viewers will see in the 90-minute time slot will include coverage of the red carpet cocktail event before the awards, where celebrities will be photographed and interviewed, followed by the awards and comedic skits.

In addition to Canadian funnyman Dave Foley, who will act as host of the 2009 awards, actors Sarah Polley and Gordon Pinsent will act as presenters.

"I'm extremely honoured to host the Genie Awards, and I'm looking forward to celebrating the achievements of my fellow Canadians in Ottawa," said Foley, a Kids in the Hall alum.

"As the host, we always seek someone who is well known, Canadian and someone who is humourous and can make it a fun evening," said Morton.

Other presenters include Éveline Gélinas (Necessities of Life), Marianne Fortier (Mommy Is at the Hairdresser's), Kevin Newman from Global National and Karine Vanasse (Polytechnique).

• The 29th annual Genie Awards will be held at the Canada Aviation Museum in Ottawa Saturday. The awards will be broadcast on Global and IFC at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

Award presenters include:

- Chloe Bourgeois (Tout est parfait/Everything Is Fine)
- Joe Dinicol (Passchendaele)
- Sheila McCarthy (Stone Angel, Little Mosque On The Prairie)
- Sarah Polley (Away From Her)
- Vik Sahay (Amal, Chuck)
- Rossif Sutherland (Poor Boy's Game, Lie Detector)
- Karine Vanasse (Polytechnique).

Kids in the Hall alumni Dave Foley will host the Genies this year.

Lifetime picks up Project Runway

TV U.S. reality TV show Project Runway will air on cable network Lifetime Television after show producer The Weinstein Co. agreed to move the series from its Bravo cable network.

The show — where fashion designers compete for money to launch their own clothing line — has been one of Bravo's top-rated shows.

But in April last year, Weinstein Co. said it was taking Project Runway to Lifetime in an agreement that Weinstein Co. valued at about $200 million over five years.

NBC Universal, which owns Bravo, sued Weinstein Co., run by brothers Bob and Harvey Weinstein, claiming NBC and Bravo had the right of first refusal for future episodes and any spinoffs.

Lifetime Networks, which targets women and is owned by Hearst Corp and The Walt Disney Co., then counter-sued in November, creating a legal entanglement that potentially threatened to derail the show altogether.

"NBC Universal, The Weinstein Company and Lifetime have resolved their disputes. The Weinstein Company will pay NBCU for the right to move Project Runway to Lifetime," said NBC Universal, the media wing of General Electric Co, in a statement Wednesday.

The amount of the payment was not disclosed.

"We're thrilled to be launching our relationship with Lifetime with this groundbreaking cable deal that includes the next five years of Project Runway," Harvey Weinstein said in a statement. REUTERS

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4:0/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	India with Sanjeev Bhaskar		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "Stop Gap"		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3 GTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Entertainment	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It (N)	Dollhouse "Needs" (N)		NUMB3RS "Blowback"		News
	209	342	6 CHRO	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(9:01) Supernanny		Whistler (DVS)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7 CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Flashpoint "Aisle 13" (N)		Spectacle: Elivs		News (N)
	208	303	8 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	-	360	9 NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Everything 4	Howie Do It (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC		News (N)
	-	362	13 CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Flashpoint "Aisle 13" (N)		NUMB3RS "Blowback"		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14 OMN2	Tongues: History Language		News (N)		News (N)		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (DVS)		Survivorman (DVS)		Out There	Out There	News (N)
	218	345	18 E!	The Insider (N)	E News	Are You Smarter		Friday Night Lights (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	361	20 ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	365	36 FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(9:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)		News
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27 net	MLB Preseason Baseball Chicago Cubs at New York Yankees. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	126	730	28 RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	That's Hockey!	Interruption	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre	
family	554	544	48 TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Beavis and Butt-head Do America ★★ (1996, Comedy)			
	557	540	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	Richie Rich ★★ (1994, Comedy)			(9:04) Blank Check (1994, Comedy)			Willy Wonka & Chocolate	
	551	542	65 YTV	Nickelodeon's 22nd Annual Kids' Choice Awards (N)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Rush"		CSI: Miami "Cop Killer"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Identity"		Criminal Minds
	628	584	32 SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		CSI: NY "Obsession"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		DEA (HDTV)
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		Durham County		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	520	505	42 DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Heli-Loggers (N)		Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Forensic Factor (N)		Daily Planet
	581	566	53 MTV	Play'd	The Hills-Lnch	Made "Hockey Player"		Nitro Circus	Fantasy Fact.	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Witness"		Jurassic Fight Club		Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ice Road Truckers		Sea Hunters
	603	561	95 FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	ThirstyTraveler	ThirstyTraveler	Bobby Flay	Dinner Imposs.	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay Kitchn

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/4/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Bear Island		Local Hero ★★★★ (1983, Comedy) Burt Lancaster.				Interviews	Mr. Deeds Goes to Town	
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Stamp Fishery		29th Annual Genie Awards (N)			Masterminds	News (N)
	209	342	6 CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		Pursued (2004, Suspense) Christian Slater, Gil Bellows.				Comedy Now (DVS)		Arts & Minds
	196	311	7 CTV	W-FIVE (N) (DVS)		ER Gates treats a young teen with alcohol poisoning.				Law & Order (HDTV)		News (N)
	208	303	8 CBC	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Canadiens at Maple Leafs or Flyers at Senators						NHL Hockey: Canucks at Oilers		
	-	360	9 NBC	Paid Program	Wheel-Fortune	ER Gates treats a young teen with alcohol poisoning.				Law & Order (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	362	13 CBS	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament				College Basketball NCAA Tournament Semifinal -- Villanova vs. North Carolina.				CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Lost Indulgence ★★ (2008, Drama) Karen Mok, Jiang Wenli.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214	344	15 CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		Secret Lives (2005, Suspense) Daphne Zuniga. (DVS)				News (N)
	218	345	18 E!	Chef School	E News	Imaginary Playmate (2006, Suspense) Dina Meyer.				Show Yours	G-Spot	News (N)
	-	361	20 ABC	Entertainment Tonight		Yours, Mine & Ours ★★ (2005, Comedy) Dennis Quaid.				Cupid "Pilot" (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	365	36 FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)		MADtv
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Black in America				Newsroom		Black-America
sports	406	417	27 net	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				The Ultimate Fighter		PartyPoker.net World Open IV		Sportsnet Con.
	126	730	28 RDI	Le Journal RDI	Humanima	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		La Facture	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	(6:30) Curling 2009 Ford World Men's Championship -- Canada vs. Japan.					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Boxing
family	554	544	48 TEL	Anastasia ★★ (1997, Musical) Voices of Meg Ryan.				Futurama	Robot Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
	557	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	City Slickers ★★★ (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal, Bruno Kirby.				Curly Sue
	551	542	65 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Karate Kid ★★ (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue.						Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Dead Zone"		CSI: Miami "Hard Time"		CSI: Miami "Death Grip"		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32 SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scn
	616	521	39 SHO	Mutant X "Altered Ego"		XIII (2009, Suspense) Val Kilmer, Stephen McHattie.				The Pursuit of Happyness (2006, Drama)		
	520	505	42 DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	The Detonators		Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel Mindfreak		Guinea Pig
	581	566	53 MTV	The Hills-Lnch	After	Made "Hockey Player"		MTV News	The Hills-Lnch	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Twisted Sister"		Crime Stories		Elizabeth ★★★ (1998, Historical Drama) Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush.				
	603	561	95 FN	Work for Food	Glutton-Punish.	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Heil's Kitchen		The F Word

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/5/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Life in Cold Blood "Dragons"		Lost in Austen		Northanger Abbey (2007, Drama), JJ Feild			View From Hr	View From Hr
	211	331	3 GTV	Ancestors	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Simpsons	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	209	342	6 CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV)		Cold Case		Medium (HDTV) (N)		Look-A-Like
	196	311	7 CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	Playing for Keeps (2009, Docudrama),		Roger Cross (DVS)		The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	208	303	8 CBC	Cirque du Soleil: Kooza (HDTV)				Diamonds (2009, Drama) James Purefoy, Derek Jacobi.				CBC News
	-	360	9 NBC	Everything 4 the Game (Live)		Kings "Insurrection" (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News (N)
	-	362	13 CBS	60 Minutes		The 44th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards (HDTV) (Live)						CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Buffalo Spirit	Buffalo Spirit	Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word for Word	Trendy Zone	Hong Kong Express		Of Blessings
	214	344	15 CITY	2Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings "Insurrection" (N)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (HDTV) (DVS)		News (N)
	218	345	18 E!	Kate Hudson: Hollywood		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News (N)
	-	361	20 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News (N)
	-	365	36 FOX	American Dad	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Simpsons	News (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Black in America				Newsroom		Black-America
sports	406	417	27 net	MLB Season Preview (Live)		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.						Sportsnet Con.
	126	730	28 RDI	Le Journal RDI	Marie-Claude	Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir		Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	(6:30) Curling 2009 Ford World Men's Championship -- Canada vs. China.					SportsCentre	NHL Hockey: Avalanche at Canucks		
family	554	544	48 TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
	557	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Baby Geniuses ★ (1999, Comedy)			Look Who's Talking Now	
	551	542	65 YTV	(6) Air Buddies (2006)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline Proj	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos
	628	584	32 SPKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ult. Fighter
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		XIII (2009, Suspense) Val Kilmer, Stephen McHattie.				Damages (N)		The Guard
	520	505	42 DIS	MythBusters		Stephen Hawking-Theory		Stephen Hawking-Theory		MythBusters Ninjas.		A. Bourdain
	581	566	53 MTV	Made "Hockey Player"		The Hills-Lnch	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The Hills-Lnch
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Smoked"		Underworld Histories		Training Day ★★★ (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington.				
	603	561	95 FN	Challenge		100 Mile Challenge		Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef		At the Table

Anna Nicole Smith prompts strange bedfellows

Anna Nicole Smith's estranged parents may be teaming up. Smith's father, Donald Hogan, told E! News that he is considering working with Smith's mother, Virgie Arthur, to file a wrongful death suit against their daughter's lawyerly companion, Howard K. Stern. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Howie Beck takes cheerful turn

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Sometimes you have to get lost to find something. For Howie Beck, it was music.

The Toronto-based singer-songwriter has returned with How To Fall Down In Public, his first full-length album in almost five years. The disc departs from what fans and critics have typically come to expect from Beck.

While the personal melancholy still exists in his lyrics, the musical tone has taken a cheerful turn with buoyant rhythms and bubbly acoustic strings accompanied by urban and pastoral sound effects (crickets chirping and horse hooves clomping on one song, as an example.)

Birthing the album, a process Beck describes as "getting out of my comfort zone," came after a lengthy self-imposed exile to Paris in search of some inspiration, and to play with longtime friend and co-producer Gonzales.

Toronto-based singer-songwriter Howie Beck has returned with a new album called How To Fall Down In Public.

New surroundings gave him the spark he needed to put pen to paper.

"I had written some stuff that I wasn't really happy with," Beck said. "For me, Paris was perfect. There's total anonymity there, and there was something very liberating about spending that time by myself. Half the time I'd look up and I wouldn't know where I was: I'd be thinking about music and lyrics all day."

Recording the album also proved initially difficult for Beck, who co-produced and played every instrument. In recent years, he has collaborated with the likes of Hayden and Sarah Harmer on their respective projects, and wore the production hat on Jason Collett's last two albums. Mastering and editing your own work can be tricky business, he notes, and Beck felt the tension of sitting on both sides of the glass. But a little help from his old pal went a long way.

"I had written some stuff that I wasn't really happy with. For me, Paris was perfect (as an escape)."
Howie Beck

"Gonzales was a pretty big part of the process for me," he said. "When I produce, those two sides of producer and musician flow easily. When I'm a musician first, it can be very frustrating. I have no objectivity there. But it was about getting away from the usual and challenging the way I think about recording my own music, instead of just, 'Meh, I'll try this, I'll try that.' This time, it was like a switch that flicked."

Fingers pump up the jazz

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Ever wonder what You Shook Me All Night Long would sound like if Django Reinhardt played it? The Lost Fingers have.

Covering the AC/DC staple is just part of the sojourn into the decade of Aqua Net, skinny ties and bright pastel suits on The Lost Fingers' debut Lost In The '80s. The disc is a collection of 1980s hits, done in the Montreal trio's jazz and gypsy-guitar style for which the Belgian songwriter was known. The group revisits classics such as Soft Cell's Tainted Love, Technotronic's Pump Up The Jam and Bon Jovi's You Give Love A Bad Name.

The Lost Fingers were born in 2004, when longtime friends and former Quebec Conservatory of Music students Byron Mikaloff (guitars) and Christian Roberge (lead vocals) tinkered with Samantha Foxx's Touch Me while hearing it on the radio. Adding double-bassist Alex Morrisette, the trio recorded the song for what was to be a comeback album for the British pop star. The project fell through. The Lost Fingers moved on.

"It was serendipitous," the guitarist Mikaloff said. "We just laughed after Christian played this little arrangement. There was this exclamation point that came over our heads and we were like, 'We got it! We should do a tribute to the '80s.' We just dove into it."

The approach succeeded in their native province. Lost In The '80s went platinum in Quebec within 12 weeks of its release and held the No. 1 spot on the Quebec Top 200 for eight weeks. Juno Award nominations for fan choice award and album of the year brought the band national prominence.

"We're curious to see if English Canada will take it as a joke or get it the way people in Quebec got it," Mikaloff said. "What's hot there isn't what's hot here. There's a lot of Quebecers that don't get Nickelback, whereas Albertans dig it."

But Mikaloff is pretty optimistic about turning Anglophones onto their act, and introducing listeners to a less familiar genre to boot.

"People who see us might not be there to see us and they'll do this double take," Mikaloff said. "Then they'll recognize the song. You might hear some laughs at first then you see them getting into it. We're reaching people beyond jazz. This swing style is very rich."

The Lost Fingers' debut Lost In The '80s went platinum in Quebec and was nominated for the Juno Award for album of the year.

Nolan's Dark Knight follow-up
Christopher Nolan's follow-up to The Dark Knight is a still-under-wraps sci-fi action film called Inception, but he's lining up a rather spiffy cast: Marion Cotillard, Cillian Murphy and Ellen Page are all in talks to star. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Tea For The Voyage
When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Club Saw, 67 Nicholas St.
Kingston six-piece Tea For The Voyage celebrate their CD release with guests The Dirty 30s, Stop Drop N Skank, The Living Soundsystem and The Toughtones. Tickets are $12 at the door.

Genie Shorts
When: Friday, Noon
Where: Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington St.
Genie Week in the Capital wraps up with the final day of free screenings of some of the country's best live action and animated short films. Bring your lunch! For info visit genieawards.ca.

Noche Blanca
When: Friday, 10 p.m.
Where: Heaven Nightclub, 400a Dalhousie St.
Put on your fanciest white duds and dance to the beats of France's Antoine Clamaran. Tickets are $20 in advance.

Some Girl(s)
When: Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Arts Court Theatre, 2 Daly Ave.
Ken Godmere directs Vision Theatre's production of Neil Labute's hilarious play. Tickets are $25.

London Site
When: Friday through April 18
Where: Ottawa Little Theatre, 400 King Edward Ave.
Ottawa Little Theatre presents this comedy by legendary playwright Neil Simon. Tickets are $10-$24.

Eugene Onegin
When: Saturday through April 11
Where: Southam Hall, National Arts Centre
Opera Lyra presents Tchaikovsky's retelling of Puskin's novel. Tickets $39-$165.

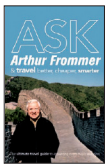
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Karen O
ARTIST The charismatic frontwoman of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs is on a roll. Her band has just released It's Blitz, an album that's garnering rave reviews from media critics that matter. She's also scored the music for Spike Jonze's upcoming film, Where The Wild Things Are. Proof enough that when it comes to Gen Y hip-dom, she's still the reigning queen.

2 Virtual parties
TREND Crank up the media player and shake your little mouse, it's online party time. The phenomenon, in which someone creates a web forum where people can post homemade videos or present gag gifts to celebrate an occasion, is catching on fast. Apparently, several hundred birthday-related domains are registered each month at GoDaddy.com, a website that sells them for $1.99 US and up.

3 Genies
AWARDS Canadian film industry's annual bash comes to life Saturday in Ottawa with Kids in the Hall veteran Dave Foley as host. The Necessities of Life is the movie to watch out for — it has eight nominations including best picture and best director. Show airs on Global at 9 p.m. ET.

4 Ask Arthur Frommer & Travel Better, Cheaper, Smarter
BOOK With the recession upon us and summer around the corner, travel bugs can now turn to the original guru of budget tourism for a little advice. This book is packed with wallet-friendly tips (e.g. how to find the best airfares online), along with many other enthusiastic recommendations.



5 Myspace previews Neil Young
MUSIC You're never too old to get tech-savvy. Members of the online community can now stream the Canadian rock legend's upcoming album Fork in the Road before it hits stores Tuesday.

6 Harper's Island
TELEVISION The premise for this chilling whodunit is simple: A group of friends and family visit the titular island for a wedding only to find a maniacal killer in their midst and a rising body count. The production promises a new victim every week in the 13-episode thriller, which begins on Global Thursday at 10 p.m. ET.

7 Adventureland
FILM Superbad director Greg Mottola returns to laughs-land with the semi-autobiographical story of a college graduate's trials and tribulations in a run-of-the-mill amusement park. Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Ryan Reynolds star, propped by several house-of-Judd-Apatow regulars. Falco's Rock Me Amadeus underlines the soundtrack. We smell a hit.

World's oldest TV drama Guiding Light to end

TELEVISION The world's longest-running TV soap opera, Guiding Light, will broadcast its final episode on CBS in September due to slumping ratings, ending a 72-year run that began on radio, the network said Wednesday.

The daytime show transferred from NBC radio to CBS television in 1952. It has won 69 Daytime Emmy Awards throughout its history.

Guinness World Records has dubbed it the world's longest-running TV drama. More than 15,700 episodes will have been broadcast by the time its final episode airs on Sept. 18.

"Guiding Light has achieved a piece of television history that will never be matched; it has crossed mediums... and woven its way through generations of audiences like no other," said Nancy Tellem, CBS Paramount Network Television Entertainment Group president.

"We are working hard to find the show a new home," said Brian T. Cahill, senior vice president and managing director, TeleNext Media, Inc. **REUTERS**

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When asked whether there's any truth to the breakup rumours dogging Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson these days, the 22-year-old actress answered unequivocally. "Those rumours aren't true," Lohan told E! News. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Brit's courtroom drama deepens

COURTS It seems Britney Spears' life has gone from soap opera to spy novel, people.com reports.

Sam Lutfi's younger sister Christina testified in a Los Angeles court Wednesday that she recently snuck a cellphone to the pop star at a Beverly Hills hotel — a plan allegedly hatched by Spears herself.

Spears, 27, whose phone access is strictly limited by her father Jamie, had initially called Lutfi's cellphone number in mid-January to speak with Christina.

"(Britney) told me she wanted to get a hold of Sam," said Christina, 25, whose brother had once been Spears' manager. "She wanted him to help her find a lawyer, and wanted someone to get a prepaid cellphone to her. She was scared because her father was blackmailing her with visitation rights over her kids."

Spears allegedly told Christina to meet her on the fifth floor gym of the Peninsula Hotel on Jan. 16. When Christina arrived, Spears was working out with her mother while a bodyguard stood nearby. But they met in a sauna where Christina gave her a phone, saying it was from Sam and ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib, which Spears then hid in a locker. "She asked me, 'Will Sam be able to help me?'" Christina added.

The phone, however, was later discovered by Spears' security team and confiscated from her purse.

Earlier on Wednesday, Blair Berk, a lawyer for Jamie Spears, testified that Britney "was in such fear (of Sam), she asked if I could get him arrested, to keep him away from her." As for a purported recording of the pop star circulating the internet in which she allegedly asks for a lawyer's help in ending her father's legal control, Berk said the singer repeatedly denied she was seeking outside legal help. Berk also expressed doubt in the recording's authenticity.

For more than a year, a probate court has ruled that Spears "lacks the capacity" to hire any lawyers on her own.

The ongoing hearing is to determine whether to extend a restraining order against Lutfi, 34, whom Spears; father alleges is harassing his daughter and is conspiring to disrupt his legal control over her life.

Lutfi's attorney, Bryan Freedman, has denied his client has committed any wrongdoing. Closing arguments in the restraining order case will be heard on April 21. Lutfi is forbidden to have contact with her until then.

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Miley can't even appease Obama

PEOPLE Apparently your dad being president is enough to get the Jonas Brothers to come play a private concert for you, but it's not enough to get a sneak peek at Hannah Montana: The Movie.

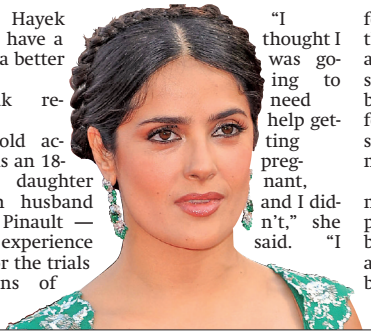
The film's star, Miley Cyrus, tells Access Hollywood that Malia and Sasha Obama wanted to get a look at her new movie before anyone else, but Cyrus said no. "They want me to send them a copy, so we will," Cyrus say. "But, like everyone else, they have to wait till April 10. Even the president."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Salma dishes on motherhood

PEOPLE Salma Hayek says waiting to have a baby made her a better mother, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 42-year-old actress — who has an 18-month-old daughter Valentina with husband Francois-Henri Pinault — thinks her life experience prepared her for the trials and tribulations of parenthood.



"I thought I was going to need help getting pregnant, and I didn't," she said. "I feel that I've done enough things in life where I can appreciate the time I spend with her as my number one priority and not feel I'm missing out on something. I feel I'm a lot more patient.

"I'm a more fulfilled human being now, and I probably wouldn't have been 10 years ago. She gets a better mother for being born now."

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Paris ditches money-grubbing BFF

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has apparently ditched her best friend forever, Brittany Flickinger, because Hilton believes she was just using her. Flickinger, who came out on top on the reality show Paris Hilton's My New BFF, was just "another one of these girls using Paris to get famous," a source tells Life and Style Weekly.

"They haven't spoken in two months. All that girl wanted was the free trips, the goodie bags, staying at Paris' mansion and the parties and clubs. She was desperate for money."

In other Hilton family news, Paris' 19-year-old brother, Barron Hilton, says he's tired of the party lifestyle. "I want to be an international singer-songwriter," he tells Page Six. "I'm sick of all the Hilton stuff, where all anyone cared about was whether I was doing coke in the bathroom."

Barron says he's also developing a reality series with Viacom documenting his attempt to launch his music career. "It's gonna be like The Hills, but real," he says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Travis, Shanna hit the skids again

RELATIONSHIPS Travis Barker and Shanna Moakler have split up — again. The couple, who reconciled a few months ago, reportedly got into such a nasty fight that the police were called, though no charges were filed.

"Travis confronted Shanna about her having an affair with Gerard Butler while he was in the hospital" recovering from the plane crash he survived late last year, a source tells Us Weekly. Moakler's rep confirmed: "They did break up, but Shanna never cheated on Travis while he was in the hospital."

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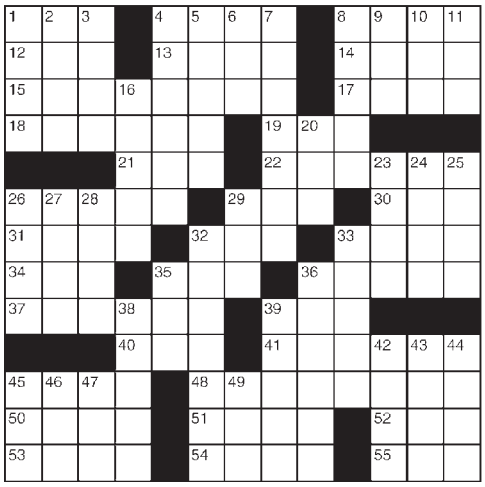

Crossword across

1 Vacationing
4 Told a tale
8 React in pain
12 Romanian money
13 Between jobs
14 Competent
15 Stevenson's personification of good
17 Leave at the altar
18 Whine
19 E.T.'s carrier?
21 Under the weather
22 "Sex for Dummies" writer
26 Eccentric
29 Attention getter
30 Vast expanse
31 Libertine's feeling
32 Foundation
33 Minus
34 Mound stat
35 Monkey suit
36 Circumference
37 Oprah adviser
39 Wambaugh or Wapner (Abbr.)
40 Moray, for one
41 Dermatologist's case
45 Sail support
48 "A Study in Scarlet" narrator
50 Head light?
51 — and terminer
52 Expert
53 Unimprovable place
54 Money
55 Longing

Crossword down

1 Automaker Ransom Eli —
2 Spore producer
3 Honshu mountain
4 Probable
5 Pastoral opus
6 Blueprint addition
7 Tricked
8 Collegian's choice
9 Sapporo sash
10 The whole enchilada
11 Bottom line
16 Oust
20 Saute
23 Addict
24 Criterion
25 Scrambled eggs side dish
26 Coaster
27 Kitten's sound
28 Now, on a memo
29 Whammy
32 Edition sold the night before
33 "Hungaria" composer
35 Dead heat
36 Kid's racer
38 Egret's cousin
39 "You Were Meant for Me" singer
42 Catch sight of
43 Additional
44 Any time now
45 That girl
46 Cushion
47 Ginger —
49 Reuben holder

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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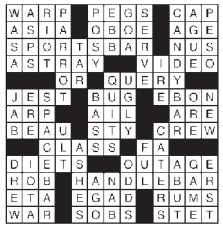

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17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
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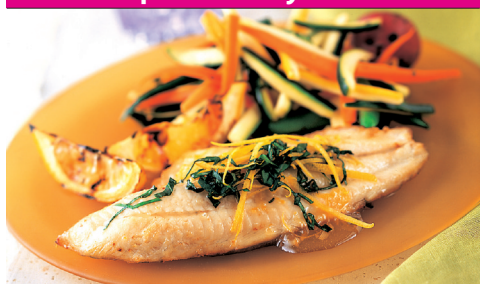

Lemon-Glazed Flounder Fillets

INGREDIENTS:
5 large lemons
6 large fresh basil leaves
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
4 flounder fillets
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
SAUCE:
1/2 cup (125 ml) reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) cornstarch
2 tsp (10 ml) sugar
METHOD:
1. Roll 1 lemon on countertop to get juices flowing; grate zest from this lemon and squeeze juice. Cut 3 lemons into 12 1/4-in. 0.5 cm) slices. Slice remaining lemon into 8 wedges. Make basil chiffonade: stack basil leaves and roll up tightly. Slice thinly and set aside as garnish. Heat oil in small pot over medium heat. Add garlic and cook until golden, 2 minutes. Whisk in lemon juice and remove from heat.
2. Coat grill rack or broiler pan rack with non-stick cooking spray. Preheat grill or broiler to medium. Lightly brush both sides of fish with garlic mixture and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place 3 lemon slices on grill or broiler rack and put one flounder fillet on top. Repeat with remaining lemon slices and fish. Grill or broil without turning, until just opaque throughout, 6 minutes. Cook lemon wedges alongside until browned, 2 minutes per side.
3. Meanwhile, blend broth and cornstarch in cup until smooth. Whisk cornstarch mixture, sugar and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) lemon zest into remaining garlic mixture. Boil over medium-high heat and cook until sauce thickens, 1 minute.
4. Transfer fish to plates, lemon slices down. Spoon sauce over fish and sprinkle with basil chiffonade and remaining lemon zest. Garnish with grilled lemon wedges.
SERVES 4

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AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll bid farewell to a crazy fantasy. People are at ease despite unreliable mechanical objects. Tone down any frivolous behaviour.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your mood improves when someone admires you. You might forget about a very sad story. You'll reap what you've sown.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Sincere attention inspires fresh discussions. Someone's illness troubles you. Double check everything that you're told.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Instability and insecurity are somewhat unnerving. Superior self-discipline helps you fulfill a routine. Fresh projects begin taking shape.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Precious moments cheer you up. Bizarre events will force you to call friends. Something isn't working, but this will change.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A friend has not turned his back on you. Boredom dissipates when you discuss leadership. A manager is very exasperating.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Nothing is ever as bad as it seems. A corny guy will be left in the lurch. A neurotic person lets loose in public.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone lets fear keep them from talking. Be available for a cheated friend. Pay attention to warnings.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A modest man has the guts to swear an oath. Love isn't for those who are unprepared. Don't feel sorry for yourself.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Remain calm in regard to social ambitions. You'll get what you believe in. Long-repressed brilliance finally bursts out.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
What you did comes back to bless you. The temperature rises as a flirtation heats up. Infatuation gives some thrills and spills.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Someone causes mayhem with fiscal changes. Wait until enthusiasm is higher for weekend plans. An encounter with a coward lightens the mood.

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